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COLLECTING U. S. LARGE COPPER CENTS

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Early Days of Cent Collecting

One of the earliest serious collectors of our large copper cents, Joseph J. Mickley, a Philadelphia violin maker, started his hobby in 1817 by a search for a fine specimen bearing the date of his birth year. He wasn't a cent collector when he started this search, but was well on his way by the time he found it.¹ You see, he was born March 24, 1799, which is the rarest date of our copper cents.

Cent collectors were few in those early years. However, interest in this series developed rapidly after their coinage was discontinued in 1857. By that time, the early dates were already difficult to obtain in mint condition. The collecting of one-of-a-date was popular² because all dates, 1793 through 1857, were available excepting only 1815. For all other U. S. coins in this early period, there are many years in which no coins were minted, and many other dates are so rare as to be generally non-collectible. The "mint re-strikes" of the scarce 1804 and 1823 cents, struck around the 1860's, show that the demand for scarce dates was then so keen that even mint employees helped to supply unauthorized specimens.³

Some collectors of the 1860's, having formed satisfying date collections, began to notice the more easily discernible die varieties. They were attracted early to the 1793 issues because this is the first year of our national coinage, and only copper coins were struck. The die varieties of 1794 were also popular because they were so numerous, no less than fifty-nine being known today.⁴ Collectors found it comparatively easy to distinguish new die varieties of these years because each and every obverse and reverse die was engraved incuse by hand directly on the coinage die, resulting in strongly marked varieties. Hub dies were introduced later to save time at the mint and to provide a more uniform coinage. The coinage dies were then "finished" manually in varying degrees, always including the date, so that the differences between varieties are less marked. However, by 1879 there was sufficient interest among collectors of die varieties to warrant the publication of a pioneering attribution list for all dates of the series, 1793 to 1857.⁵

The earliest recorded public coin sale containing U. S. cents (known

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to the writer) was the auction of Dr. Lewis Roper's collection, sold by Moses Thomas and Son, Philadelphia, on Feb. 20, 1851. At this sale, an uncirculated "Chain" cent of 1793 was knocked down to Ammi Brown of Boston for his first bid of *ten cents*.⁶ However, the hobby grew so rapidly that by 1867 Mr. Mickley was able to sell his famous "Chain AMERI." cent of 1793 for \$110.⁶

Why Collect Die Varieties?

An agreement is needed as to exactly what is meant by a die variety, there being confusion in the literature on this point.

One (and only one) *die variety* of a coin can be struck with one pair of dies.⁷ This is true even when planchets of different dimensions or edge treatments are struck with the same pair of dies. Of course, if the planchet metal is changed as occurs in patterns, another variety is produced, but not a new die variety. While two obverse and two reverse dies can be muled into four legitimate die varieties, the "marriage" of one obverse and one reverse die can produce only one variety despite wear, rust spots, cracks, breaks, and injuries such as those producing incuse impressions on the coin.

All the things which can happen to a die during its service life produce various *die states*. For example, the defects made or corrected by the engraver of the coinage die, during its service life, produce die states in the resulting coins. The writer prefers to describe progressive cracks and breaks on the die as "states" also, rather than *die conditions* (for which there is ample precedent),⁸ since condition is such a well-known attribute of a coin rather than of a die. These progressive die states are not varieties, although dealers sometimes confuse the two terms to create a demand which would not otherwise exist. For example, there is but one variety of the cent of 1804.

We might choose to collect die varieties, and wisely so, without searching our souls for reasons, by following in the footsteps of great American collectors of days gone by. The numismatic "hall of fame" is well filled with the names of cent variety collectors.

As to more philosophical reasons for the study of varieties, present-day collectors have some difficulty in explaining just why this avocation appeals to them. They seem to take it for granted that other collectors would enjoy it equally well if they tried it. References are easy to find in the literature disparaging the variety student's hobby.⁹

With such statements the writer must disagree. A person needs very little numismatic knowledge to form a type collection of cents, or even a date collection. But when he seriously undertakes variety collecting, he must begin to study his coins and the literature with careful discrimination. If our collector is imbued with a normal amount of curiosity, he will soon want to know why the varieties differ and this quest for information is very likely to lead to a study of the history of early U. S. coinage methods and procedures — metallurgy, mechanics, sources of metal supply, coinage authorizations, etc. Such analysis inevitably involves a knowledge of the people of the times and their economic and political thinking. This study and research is fascinating and it is endless in scope.

In short, our collector has become a numismatist, rather than merely an accumulator of coins.

Literature for Cent Collectors

Dr. M. W. Dickeson's *American Numismatic Manual*, the first edition of which appeared in 1859, described the copper cents date by date and listed the number of varieties without describing them. Subsequent writers have challenged the large number of his varieties for certain dates, but recent discoveries have vindicated some of them.

The earliest description of die varieties with reference to a published photographic plate appeared in the *American Journal of Numismatics* in April, 1869; Vol. 3, No. 12. The article was concerned with the cents of 1793; the plate was prepared by Joseph N. T. Levick in 1868 and the descriptions were by Sylvester S. Crosby, who brought out a more comprehensive book on the same subject in 1897. A few months before Levick's photographic plate was published, Mason's *Coin and Stamp Collectors' Magazine* also started the serial publication of the descriptions of the varieties of the cents of 1793,¹⁰ which appeared sporadically from December, 1868 to August, 1869. However, Mason's descriptions were much less comprehensive and accurate than Crosby's.

The die varieties of the cents of 1794 were described later in 1869 by Dr. Edward Maris, the Quaker physician from Philadelphia.

These publications were the beginning of a copious literature concerning the copper cents — sometimes inaccurate, incomplete, contradictory and verbose, but all of it interesting source material to the present-day student. Many auction sale catalogues from the 1850's to the 1940's also contain source material valuable to the student of die varieties. Today's cent collector must rely more and more on publications, rather than comparison of many specimens, because the supply of specimens is relatively fixed whereas the supply of collectors bidding for them has grown tremendously. The early publications have been extensively reprinted, but most (including some of the re-prints) are now in themselves collectors' items. Fortunately, these early works are more or less superseded by accurate and comprehensive books, issued within the past few years or soon to be published, which are within the reach of every collector and make attribution of the die varieties relatively easy.

Similar ease of access cannot be claimed for publications on the early history of the U. S. Mint and the coinage philosophies basic to the early issues. Two excellent books, sometimes obtainable in city and college libraries, are "History of the First United States Mint—Its People and its Operations," privately printed in 1924 by Frank H. Stewart, and "Fractional Money—A History of the Small Coins and Fractional Paper Currency of the United States" by Neil Carothers, published by John Wiley and Sons in 1930. U. S. numismatists would be greatly benefited if both these books were reprinted in copious quantities.

A comprehensive chronological listing of all known publications on our copper-cent die varieties is in preparation by the writer for a future issue of the *Numismatist*.

A Plan for Collecting Copper Cents

If you are considering cent collecting for the first time, a great deal more pleasure can be obtained by collecting to a plan. You may first wish to acquire a type collection, which would include one specimen

from each of the following groups:

Chain or Link - 1793 only

Wreath - 1793 only

Liberty Cap - 1793-1796

Draped Bust - 1796-1807

Turban Head - 1808-1814

Coronet Head - 1816-1839

Braided Hair - 1839-1857

These groupings are somewhat arbitrary; the number of types may be increased to any extent the collector desires. However, you will soon become aware of the desirability of a date collection, because of its satisfying completeness as compared to similar collections of other U. S. coins.

If at about this time you secure a few good books on copper cents, or make the acquaintance of a variety collector, you are almost certain to get the urge to really study your cents with discrimination and become a variety collector yourself. A few years ago, only stout-hearted collectors and those with great determination continued long in their search for die varieties because attributions were so difficult when based on the old confusing and incomplete published information. But this obstacle no longer exists. If you really become fascinated with variety collecting and acquire a small but adequate library to aid you, your hobby will hold you for a lifetime.

The attribution of each newly acquired cent is an actual challenge to those who have a classificational bent. It has been said that doctors and engineers are always likely prospects as variety collectors. When you begin to learn the "why" as well as the "how" of the differences among cent varieties, you will most definitely be out of the novice class among cent collectors.

As yet no man has ever completed a variety collection, for there are some nine hundred varieties, many quite rare. To be sure, a new die variety turns up from time to time, but it is probable that very few unrecorded ones remain today.

When collecting to a plan, you should consider the cost (at least briefly) and set your par for condition somewhere between the frustration of too idealistic a goal and the inferiority complex that goes with the hoarding of junk. There simply aren't enough proof and uncirculated specimens to go around, and there won't ever be any more. Perhaps your goal should be a uniform collection of very fine or fine specimens. Or perhaps you'll want uncirculated where possible with some degradation present in the hard-to-get items. The early cents were made of particularly soft copper, so that most examples available today are worn; some varieties are unknown in fine or better condition. However, you won't be proud of your collection, nor will it appreciate in value over the years, if the coins are so worn or corroded that their attribution is difficult or impossible.

To obtain the most pleasure from cent collecting, it will prove necessary to choose your specimens with discrimination and to study them with great care. You'll surely enjoy it, and the "CENT COLLECTORS' FORUM" in *The Numismatist* is planned as a clearinghouse for your questions and new information you may discover. Many of the subjects mentioned briefly in this introductory article are worthy of

future articles, which are planned for this FORUM.

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THE COIN PORTRAITURE OF THE EARLY ROMAN EMPIRE¹

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The dictatorship of Julius Caesar had given a short interval of peace to a world that had known little but war and faction for three generations. His murder in 44 B.C. by a little band of disgruntled idealists did not, of course, "restore the Republic." A Republic (*res publica*), in the Roman sense of an orderly and constitutional government, had not existed since the end of the 2nd century B.C. The Roman commonwealth, together with the subject nations which it ruled, had been a prey to political bosses and military adventurers. Caesar had eliminated all of these but himself. His assassination, by men who had nothing to put in his place and no program of reform beyond the murder of a "tyrant," simply restored chaos.

Caesar had been too humane for his own good. The self-appointed "Liberators" who killed him had already fought against him in the civil war between him and Pompey. Caesar not only spared their lives, but advanced them to high offices. After this, he let bygones be bygones, refusing to institute a police state for his own safety. This was surely a strange sort of tyranny for which to pay with one's life. The Liberators, on their part, made the same mistake as Caesar had. Caesar at the time of his assassination was the head of a party. Originally the democratic or popular party, it was now composed of men of various shades of political opinion, united primarily by loyalty to Caesar, in whom they saw the one man who could restore order or from whom they hoped to reap the greatest personal advantages. Even if they had no program of their own to replace Caesar's, the Liberators should at least have made a clean sweep of the other leaders of the Caesarian party. Antony, the chief Caesarian officer in Rome, expected them to do so, and barricaded himself in his house. But they did not molest him, and after a time an absurd compromise was worked out by which all Caesar's laws were retained and his body buried with public honors, while his murderers were rewarded by high commands in the provinces. Here they began to raise armies.

In the meantime, however, Antony had the army in Italy, and the Liberators had no forces there to oppose him. An army had to be raised; and the great orator Cicero, who had allied himself with the conspirators, began to cast about for some plan to obtain troops. At this juncture, there presented himself to Cicero the nineteen-year-old Octavianus Caesar, adopted son and civil heir of the Dictator. Octavian had already, quite without authority, raised a small army from Caesar's veterans. Cicero thought he could get more, and figured he could be used against Antony. By Cicero's advice, the Senate declared war on Antony, enlisted troops, and placed the young Octavian in joint command of the army, with the two consuls, Hirtius and Pansa. Cicero's plans seemed well laid. He was to live to regret them.

The events of the next few years are much too complicated to relate in detail. One thing, however, is clear: everyone underestimated Octavian. Everyone thought that he could be used, and none realized until too late

that Octavian had really been using him and everyone else. Both consuls fell in battle against Antony. The fight, however, had favored the senatorial army, and Antony was willing to listen to reason. He and Octavian thus struck a deal. With Lepidus, another Caesarian general, they formed a triumvirate, and pooled their military forces. The helpless Roman government now had no choice but to agree to their audacious demand that they be created a three-man dictatorship, with power to revise the constitution. The Liberators were now the outlaws, and they and all suspected of hostility to the Caesarian party, were hunted down without mercy. Caesar was officially declared a national saint or demigod (*divus*), the first, as it turned out, of a long series which was to include all the good emperors — and a few not so good. Antony's wife having died, his friendship with Octavian was sealed by his marriage with the young Caesar's sister, the youthful and attractive Octavia.

The three-man government, however, proved unstable. Lepidus got delusions of grandeur and was stripped of his power, and the other two triumvirs fell out. A division of spheres of command, by which Octavian got Italy and the West and Antony the East, kept the peace only while both men were at war against mutual enemies. The breach which now appeared between them was open and final. Antony began elaborate preparations for war, and formed an alliance with Cleopatra VII of Egypt, whom he married after "divorcing" (by announcing that he was divorced) the unhappy Octavia. Antony was probably in love with Cleopatra (although Octavia was younger and prettier); but he also needed her wealth for his war chest. She was only the most important of several Oriental rulers whom he sought as allies. This diplomacy added greatly to Antony's already powerful forces. He seemed almost invincible, and Cleopatra could dream of ruling the world at his side. He had more of everything than Octavian — more experience, more popularity, more money, more men, more ships.

In fact, his position was increasingly desperate. To hold his Greek and Oriental allies, he had to play the monarch and encourage their hopes of liberation from Rome. Yet this alienated his Roman supporters and weakened his position in Italy. Octavian cleverly took advantage of the situation, and his propagandists soon had everyone believing that Antony was a lovesick fool, enslaved by a wicked enchantress, and Octavian the only hope of Western civilization in a show-down fight with Oriental tyranny. Even at the last decisive sea battle at Actium, Octavian had smaller forces; but Antony and his Queen (for reasons that have never been satisfactorily explained) fled while the fight was still undecided. They returned to Egypt, and the Antonian forces surrendered. Later on, both Antony and Cleopatra killed themselves.

From this time on, Octavian was master of the Empire. His position, however, was equivocal. He had been a sort of unofficial dictator for the duration of an emergency. It now became clearer each month that the emergency was over. After this situation had dragged on for more than three years, Octavian apparently felt that the time had come when his enormous but vaguely defined powers must be laid down or placed on some regular basis. He informed the Senate that he was ready to declare the emergency ended and restore power to the regular government. The result, as he perhaps foresaw, was the regularization of his position and the establishment of the form of government that is sometimes called the Empire, but more correctly the Principate.

The Romans of later times considered the Principate a monarchy from the start. Such, in fact, it eventually became; but under Octavian it was certainly not a monarchy in form and it may not have even been planned as a disguised monarchy. Octavian continued to be the head of the government in the capacity of Princeps (premier or chief of state); as Imperator (generalissimo) he exercised command of all the armies; and he held a number of other offices which helped to assure his supremacy over anyone else. He himself stated that he had returned control of the state to the Senate and the Roman People; that he now had precedence of all in rank, but no more power than those who were his colleagues in various offices.² In fact, however, he alone was Princeps and Imperator, and no one else held all the other offices that he did. Even more important, his prestige was such that he could do almost anything he wanted, so long as he did not openly flout decency or justice. His pre-eminence was officially recognized by the Senate in bestowing upon him the new title of Augustus (roughly, "the revered" or "the holy"), a title which became the property of all later emperors, but which is still applied to him only in the sense of a personal name.

Yet this Augustus was not a king. He held his powers as a delegation from the Senate and the Roman People. He was freed from the operation of certain laws, but not placed absolutely above all law. He might persuade, he might even overawe; but he did not "reign." He might obtain the Senate's sanction for the man whom he wished to succeed him; but he could not appoint a successor. He could not even be sure that he would have one. His position was more like that of Cromwell in 17th-century Britain than that of the founder of a dynasty. The old Rome had been a republic. The Rome of recent years had been a military dictatorship. The Rome of the future was to be a monarchy. The Augustan Principate was all three mixed together, and too much of each to be either of the other two.

The coinage of the Principate reflected the divided sovereignty. Augustus reformed the monetary system and placed it on a permanent basis. The important coins were: the copper as; the brass dupondius and sestertius,³ worth respectively two and four asses; the silver denarius, rated at four sestertii; and the gold aureus, equivalent (probably) to twenty-five denarii. The Senate continued to strike the copper and brass, marked with its sign, the letters S.C. for *Senatus consulto* (By authority of the Senate). The gold and silver, except for exceptional issues, came from the emperor's mint. Again with very few exceptions, all coins of whatever metal they might be, bore a portrait of Augustus or some one of his family or close friends. This monarchical style of coinage, however, had already become familiar. Not only did the portrait of Julius Caesar appear on Roman coins, but all but one of the Liberators used their portraits on the coins that they struck as commanders in the field to pay their troops.⁴

The coinage of Antony, Lepidus, and Octavian followed the same style. Antony's portrait, the very embodiment of robust health and self-confidence, appears on his denarii and aurei, the reverses of which often show his family or associates: his brother Lucius (Fig. 1); his young fellow Triumvir Octavian (Fig. 2); or his wife Octavia (Fig. 3). Later still, his portrait and that of Cleopatra, who is styled "Queen of Kings," occupy the two sides of the same coin (Fig. 4). There is little



Figure 1.



Figure 2.



Figure 3.



Figure 4.



Figure 5.



Figure 6.

variation in Antony's portrait, and it seems probable that he really looked like this, or at least wanted people to think so.

The reverse portraits of Octavia and Cleopatra are interesting. They show (although the portrait of Cleopatra is generally thought to be only mediocre) that Octavia was the better-looking of the two women; and that Plutarch was correct in describing Cleopatra as personally fascinating, but not especially beautiful.⁵ It is most amusing to notice the way in which Antony's die engravers depicted Octavian. This vapid little face, which might be that of a ten-year-old child of retarded mental development, contrasts strongly, not only with the handsome and thoughtful features of the Vatican bust of the young Octavian,⁶ but with his own coin portraits in all periods.

The coin portraits, like the statues of Augustus, seem all to be more or less idealized, following in this a Greek, rather than the native Italian tradition. He usually appears as a graceful, handsome youth, with a longish neck, and thin, aristocratic features (Fig. 5). Sometimes the portrait, whether by accident or design, seems vaguely suggestive of that of Julius Caesar (Fig. 6). A few portraits may be more realistic.



Figure 7.

This is probably true of a very fine portrait on a silver tetradrachma, struck in the East (probably at Ephesus) in 28 B.C. (Fig. 7). On this coin, Augustus (or rather, Octavian, for it was struck in the year before he received the honor of that title) is called "Son of the Divus, Defender of the Liberty of the Roman People." The portrait looks more convincing than most, but in the last analysis we shall probably never know exactly what Augustus looked like at any particular time. He certainly cannot have resembled the idiot child of Antony's denarii. He was probably never as superhuman in appearance as the young god of some statues, who seems in reality to be the Heaven-sent savior of the world that some poets affected to see in Augustus. He certainly did not stay a youth, although the coin portraits show little if any sign of advancing age.

Suetonius, who had never seen Augustus, but had read descriptions of him, tells us that

His expression, whether when speaking or silent, was calm and mild . . . He had clear, bright eyes, in which he liked to have it thought that there was a kind of divine power, and it greatly pleased him, whenever he looked keenly at anyone, if that person let his face fall as if before the radiance of the sun. But in his old age he could not see very well. His teeth were wide apart, small, and dingy-looking. His hair was slightly curly and inclining to golden. His eyebrows were joined together. His ears were medium-sized and his nose stuck out a little at the bridge and then turned inward (i.e., a hooked or "Roman" nose). His coloring was

between dark and fair. He was short of stature . . . , but this was concealed by the fine proportion and grace of his figure.⁷

Aside from the nose, which usually seems perfectly straight, the coin portraits confirm fairly well to this description. They probably give us a recognizable picture of the great Princeps, but they seem designed rather to portray him as he wanted the world to see him than to draw him as he really appeared to those who knew him best. They seek, as with the realistic portraits on Greek coins, to show through the flesh and bone of his face the personality and historical significance of the statesman.⁸

The use of his own portrait on coins, however, while to us it savors of monarchy, may have seemed less monarchical to his contemporaries. Others had set the style while Rome was not a Principate, but theoretically the old style Republic. Augustus's portrait on his own gold and silver issues might be interpreted as indicating that they were struck by him as Generalissimo (Imperator). His portrait on the Senatorial issues could be considered a compliment by the Senate to its Chief of State. Even today, republics sometimes place the portrait of the premier or president on coins.⁹



Figure 8.

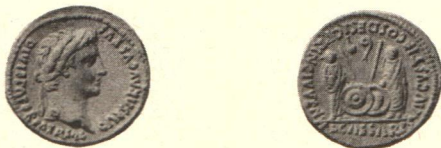


Figure 9.

Augustus was extremely careful to avoid the appearance of founding a royal family. No coin issued during his reign, therefore, carries a portrait of his beloved wife Livia. She was not a queen, but the wife of the first magistrate, and her portrait on a coin would have seemed very bad taste. Augustus, however, had to deal with the problem of succession. He could not wait until his own death and let the Senate choose a suitable man. That might prove disastrous. Even if the Senate chose a good man, the army, or some part of it, might not accept him, and civil war might begin all over again. Augustus decided that he and his advisers must pick the man beforehand, break him in at his job, and publicly prepare his acceptance by everyone by giving him the necessary

advertisement — not, to be sure, as a destined successor, but as an important man in the state in his own right. The coins were an excellent medium for this publicity; and thus we find them bearing portraits of Agrippa, Augustus's admiral at Actium and one of his closest friends (Fig. 8), and smaller figures of his grandsons, Caius and Lucius Caesar, appear on the reverse of Augustus's own portrait coins (Fig. 9).

Everyone whom he chose, however, disappointed him by dying. Augustus was at last left with no reasonable choice but his stepson, born to Livia in a previous marriage, who became the Emperor Tiberius. Upright and able, but with the traditional pride and cold aloofness of his father's family, the Claudii, Tiberius was universally respected and universally unloved. Yet he was perhaps the only man able to hold the job who would surely be accepted by everybody. Tiberius thus became Princeps without any difficulty when Augustus died. His was a hard lot. Chosen by Augustus only as the best of a bad market, he tried honestly to carry on his stepfather's policies; but he was constantly exposed to the slanders and plots of the people whom he trusted and on whom he needed to depend to govern the state. In his later years, Tiberius degenerated into a gloomy and suspicious tyrant; but it cannot be truthfully said that he did so without a manful struggle not to be.



Figure 10.



Figure 11.



Figure 12.

Tiberius's coins carry his own portrait (Fig. 10), smooth, enigmatic, and proud, as he must have looked to contemporaries. They also carry female faces and figures in which modern numismatists have recognized, or thought they recognized, his mother Livia. The seated figure on the reverse of the famous denarius and aureus of the "Tribute Penny" type (Fig. 10) is thought to represent Livia, although the small size of the face makes this idea somewhat fanciful. A rather more plausible claim to be Livia can be made out for the "Piety" and the "Justice" on contemporary coins of the Senatorial mint (Figs. 11-12). The faces of these female personifications are, however, too generalized and idealized to be very good portraits. This was no doubt intentional.

With the exception of the "Tribute Penny" type, Tiberius's gold and silver coins are all scarce. This, indeed, is the only real justification for the belief that it was a denarius of this type that Jesus held when He advised paying tribute to Caesar.¹⁰ In fact, gold and silver of all rulers of the family of Augustus, the Julio-Claudian "dynasty," are hard to obtain, except those of Augustus and Nero. This may have been due to smaller coinages; but another, and probably a more important cause of this scarcity was the debasement of the silver by Nero and later rulers. After this, early Imperial silver, which had been struck as nearly pure as the Romans knew how to refine it, was more valuable as bullion than as coin. The respect accorded to Augustus may have caused many of his coins to be hoarded as they were. No such respect was felt, however, for the later emperors of his family, and most of their denarii probably went into the melting pot.

Tiberius was succeeded by his grand-nephew Caius, better known as Caligula ("Little Boots"). He got this nickname as a child, when his father, Germanicus, took him on campaigns, dressed in a little uniform, complete with regulation army boots. Germanicus was the idol of the upper class. His untimely death was deeply mourned by them, and the suspicion (quite unfounded) that Tiberius had him poisoned helped to make that emperor hated in Senatorial circles.

Caligula thus began his reign auspiciously; but it soon became clear that he intended to break entirely with the idea of a Principate and found an absolute monarchy. The stories told about him by Suetonius and Dio Cassius may be exaggerated. It is, however, generally thought that he was insane, and the fixed stare in the eyes of some of his coin portraits (Fig. 13) helps to support this belief. In any case, Caligula won the unhappy distinction of being the only ruler of the Julio-Claudian line who was more detested than Nero. He appears in the ancient sources as the mad tyrant *par excellence* — bloodthirsty, treacherous, reckless, capricious, irresponsible, utterly unpredictable, "at once irritated and pleased, both with those who flattered him and with those who spoke frankly."¹¹

Caligula tried to play on the popularity of his parents, Germanicus and Agrippina the Elder. Their portraits appear on his coins, hers carefully labeled, in case anybody failed to recognize it, "Agrippina, Mother of Caesar Augustus." This, however, could not save Caligula. He was murdered, his memory officially execrated, his statues thrown down, and even his coin portraits defaced by the enraged Romans (Fig. 16).



Figure 13.



Figure 14.



Figure 15.



Figure 16.

While the Senate argued over what to do, the Imperial bodyguards rushed to the palace, hustled out the dead tyrant's uncle Claudius, and proclaimed him emperor. The Senate had no choice but to agree. Claudius suffered all his life from an infirmity, probably spastic paralysis, that impaired his speech and walk. He was thought feeble-minded when a child, and no attempt was made to treat his disorder. There were, however, advantages to this. His life was safe under tyranny; and, since little pains were taken with his education, he obtained a good one. He grew into an intelligent man, whose wide knowledge of history helped to make up for his lack of political experience, and he proved to be a very good emperor. His chief fault was his weakness of will, which allowed him to be dominated by his wives, the beautiful and immoral Messalina and her successor, the formidable Agrippina the Younger.

Claudius was not very impressive in appearance. His features were good, but his timidity, his absentmindedness, and his natural affliction, which became noticeable when he spoke or moved, tended to counteract his good points. Suetonius describes him as dignified in appearance,

but only when he was standing still or sitting, and especially when he was reclining. He was tall, but not slender, with pleasing features, becoming white hair, and a full neck. But when he walked his weak knees gave way under him, and he had many disagreeable traits, both in his lighter moments and when he was engaged in business. His laughter was unseemly and his anger still more disgusting, for he would foam at the mouth and trickle at the nose. Moreover, he stammered and his head was very shaky, especially when he made the least exertion.¹²

These defects do not, of course, appear in Claudius's coin portraits (Figs. 17-19). Just the same, Claudius was not handsome. He was an elderly man, with a timid and quizzical expression; and it took all the skill his artists could muster to give him the imperious dignity worthy of a Roman emperor while still producing a recognizable portrait.

The earlier Julio-Claudians, even the fierce Caligula, were all handsome men. Claudius was not; and his successor, Nero, was downright ugly. It is hard to say whether the difficulty of creating idealistic portraits of them induced a trend toward realism or whether a renewed taste for realistic portraiture was reflected in portrait art under the last two Julio-Claudian Caesars. Be this as it may, the modified idealism of the Augustan Age wanes in the period after his Principate; and it is replaced, by the end of the reign of Nero, by a realism so stark and brutal that we often wonder how the artists dared to depict their rulers in such a manner.

Claudius's second wife, Agrippina the Younger, managed to arrange that he be succeeded, not by his own son, Britannicus, but by her son by a former marriage, the sixteen-year-old Nero. Of all ancient rulers, Nero has probably left the most dreadful reputation. This is not quite fair. Nero was no worse than many another ancient despot, even in the time of his most extreme tyranny; and the first few years of his reign, when he was listening to the advice of his mother, of the old soldier Burrus, and of the Stoic philosopher Seneca, were distinguished by excellent government. In some quarters, moreover, Nero was always popular. The common people of Rome liked him, probably because of the shows that he gave, and the Greeks adored him, not only because of his artistic tastes, but because of the many favors that he showered upon Greece.



Figure 17.



Figure 18.



Figure 19.

These very things, however, rendered him unpopular with the army and the aristocracy; and he also became the bogeyman of the Christian Church as the first emperor to persecute Christianity.

Nero really should never have been a Roman emperor. Had he remained a private citizen, with money and time to indulge his tastes for music and poetry, he might have been a decent enough person. He believed himself to be a great singer and composer.¹³ Perhaps he was: he certainly could get the best instruction. We never can know; because it was dangerous to criticize him while he lived and dangerous to praise him after his death. Such talents, however, were felt to be unbecoming in a Roman emperor; nor could Nero indulge in them freely without neglect of his duty. Bitter conflicts developed, therefore, between Nero and his advisers. He ended by getting rid of them, murdering his mother and forcing Seneca to kill himself. After that, he devoted himself to the careers of opera singer, conspicuous wastrel, and magnificent play-boy on a scale that even a modern Indian rajah might envy. He also became a monster. Yet it is in the last analysis doubtful whether the Romans hated him more for matricide and his other crimes than they did for his singing and his partiality to the greeks.¹⁴



Figure 20.

Nero's die cutters probably did about all they could for him. He could not be made to appear anything other than a fat, ugly boy, vainly trying to ape the elegant profligacy of his aristocratic friends; and so he appears on his coins (Fig. 20). For all his crimes, Nero remains rather a pathetic figure: a failure in his dearest ambitions, driven into awful crimes by his unbridled desires and the encouragement of bad friends, goaded by remorse and terror, and at the end unable even to find the nerve to kill himself with the help of a servant. He became a monster; but, unlike the mad Caligula, he seems a very human, and even a pitiful monster. His later renown as a perfect embodiment of vice may not be deserved; but he would probably have preferred to be so remembered than to be forgotten altogether.

Nero's death ended the Julio-Claudian line. It marked also the end of an era. After a year of civil war, the honest Vespasian established an era of good government and private virtue on the part of the emperors themselves, which continued, broken only by the brief tyranny of Domitian, for 110 years (A.D. 70-180). The world has seldom since seen a set of rulers like the house of Augustus and Livia. The writers of later times certainly slandered most of them and exaggerated their crimes and follies; especially was this true of Tiberius and Claudius. When all is said, however, they remain fantastic characters, whose antics are fascinating to study.

The set of portraits which the coins provide us lend added zest to the historical works of Tacitus, Suetonius, and Dio Cassius. Many of their issues are scarce, and the high style of their art and the interest which they have always attracted make the coins of these rulers more expensive than even their scarcity seems to warrant. The gold aurei and the best specimens of the brass sesterii are costly, and the average

collector cannot hope to own more than a few of them. The denarii, though not easy to obtain in all cases, are cheaper, and a representative collection of these can be built up at moderate cost. The far-sighted collector may also bear in mind the fact that these coins are, unlike many other ancient and modern coins, always in demand and can be resold at a market price which does not fluctuate as sharply as that of most recent coins.

NOTES

- 1 This article is a sequel to my "Hellenistic and Early Roman Coin Portraiture," *The Numismatist*, June, 1948, pp. 382-396. It is designed to carry on the study of ancient coin portraits from the point at which the earlier article ended, introducing the reader to the study of the period of Augustus and the Julio-Claudians (about 44 B.C. to A.D. 69).
- 2 *Acts of Augustus (Res gestae Divi Augusti)*, vi. 34 (text and translation in Loeb Classics edition of Velleius Paterculus).
- 3 Bronze (copper-tin alloy) was not used; the terms "First Bronze" (for sestertius), "Second Bronze" (for dupondius), etc., are modern coin dealers' inventions. Brass (copper-zinc alloy) was used as we use nickel and copper-nickel, for subsidiary or token coins of higher value than the copper ones.
- 4 See my article cited above, pp. 392-394.
- 5 Plutarch (*Antony*, 27) says that Cleopatra's beauty was not so incomparable as to strike those who saw her; her charm lay in her winning personality, her lovely voice, and the brilliance of her conversation. Plutarch (or his source) may be too gallant. If we can judge by her own coins, which are probably generally accurate in their portraits (see Edward T. Newell, *Royal Greek Portrait Coins*, Wayte Raymond: New York, 1937, pp. 91 f.), Cleopatra was rather plain. "To one who knows only the Cleopatras of stage, screen, and popular fancy," writes Newell, "her strong and almost forbidding features come as a distinct shock."
- 6 Jean Babelon (*Le portrait dans l'antiquité d'après les monnaies*, Paris, 1942, p. 116) is perhaps thinking of this coin when he contrasts the Vatican bust with "the insignificant head of the young Octavian on coins." The portraits on Octavian's own coins are often shallow, but hardly seem insignificant.
- 7 Suetonius, *Augustus*, 79.
- 8 See my article cited above, *passim*; also my introductory article, "The Beginnings of Coin Portraiture" (*The Numismatist*, March, 1948, pp. 152-164), pp. 162 f.
- 9 For example: Louis Napoleon Bonaparte (Second French Republic); Hindenburg (Germany); Brazil (Vargas); Philippines (Quezon). This, however, is not a common republican usage, and may suggest a transition to monarchy, as with Louis Napoleon (later the Emperor Napoleon III) and Augustus himself.
- 10 Matthew 22:19-21; Luke 20:24-25. The denarius might also have been one of Augustus', which were very common and would have still been in circulation. Jesus and his audience would not have been disturbed by the inaccuracy, even had they stopped to identify the emperor by his portrait or inscription.
- 11 Dio Cassius, lix. 4. 5. Caligula's status as the perfect example of the mad tyrant is indicated by Dio's use of almost precisely the same words in describing Domitian (lxviii. 4. 2); at this point, the saying is rather less forceful, even if true.
- 12 Suetonius, *Claudius*, 30. Perhaps "foam at the mouth" is to be interpreted as drooling or making spit bubbles. There is no other suggestion that Claudius had fits. Julius Caesar, however, and probably Caligula, had some form of epilepsy, which appears sometimes to accompany genius or madness or both.
- 13 On Nero's musical activities and their celebration on his coinage, see Frederick S. Knobloch, "An Imperial Artist," *The Numismatist*, August, 1948, pp. 534 f.
- 14 Thus Juvenal, *Satires*, viii. 217 ff., seems to bracket Nero's acting and matricide as crimes of almost equal horror. Nero's pro-Greek policy also seems to have been sharply reversed by Vespasian.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER READING

There is little easily available literature in English. Harold Mattingly's *Roman Coins* (London, 1928) has almost nothing on portraiture. The portraits of the period of the Triumvirate are treated in H. A. Greuber, *Coins of the Roman Republic in the British Museum*, 3 vols., London, 1910. For the later period, one may use Harold Mattingly and E. A. Sydenham, *The Roman Imperial Coinage*, Vol. I (London, 1923), which has little discussion of the portraiture, but many illustrations. The two works of Mrs. Arthur (Eugenie) Strong, *Roman Sculpture from Augustus to Constantine* (New York and London, 1907) and *Art in Ancient Rome* (2 vols., Scribner: New York, 1930), also contain some discussion of coin portraits.

For those who read German, the best book is probably Robert West, *Roemische Portrait-Plastik* (Munich, 1933); but the German is not easy. Jean Babelon's *Le portrait dans l'antiquite d'apres les monnaies* (Paris, 1942) is not too difficult French, but it is rather elementary. Kurt Lange, *Herrscherkopfe des Altertums im Munzbild ihrer Zeit* (Berlin and Zurich, 1938) contributes little of significance as far as the written treatment goes, but its fine enlarged photographs of coins are well worth looking at.

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President's Page



I print this one letter of the many others that I have received commending the new cover design for *The Numismatist*. What is said by the writer of this letter is not to be taken lightly. His words are not mere opinions based on snap judgment or the whim of the moment. His judgment is the considered thought of one whose entire life has been devoted to the arts of design. He not only is fully versed in the colonial decorative forms, but is an eminently successful calligrapher, artist, silversmith, coin and medal designer, as well as die-sinker. Listen to what this man, the author of many articles on coins and medal-making, has to say of our new cover.

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April 3, 1949

"Lloyd B. Gettys, President
American Numismatic Association
1051 North Broadway
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Dear Sir:

I hope that it is not too late for me to let you know how much I like the new cover of *The Numismatist*. It seems to me as excellent as it is unusual among periodicals of this type today. Doubtless this very unusualness will blind many to its merit. You have explained very fully the appropriateness of the symbolism both of the Eagle and the quill-written scroll work, but you have said nothing of the excellence with which these symbols are presented. It seems to me that a word should be said on this score also.

The first excellence seems to be that of legibility, so often neglected today in the designs both of periodical covers and of coins. The first purpose of letters and of symbols is to be read—clearly, without any confusion, at a glance. No one can deny that the new cover is beautifully legible.

Secondly, the cover is a thing of paper and ink, and, therefore, to be beautiful it should look like what it is. Too often today, the designer's attempt to rouse emotion through the presentation of a naturalistic effect, making use of three dimensional modeling, etc., ends with a design which can only be regarded as beautiful if it is looked *through*, but if it is looked *at*, objectively, is not beautiful at all.

Then also it is successful, I think, because the means used—the artist's skillful hand, the quill, the line cut block, the press—have been related properly to the end in view, which as I said I believe to be legibility. When the actual means used are not understood by the designer (and this is too often the case) they cannot be expected to fulfill their appointed end. You cannot drive a bent nail straight no matter how much you may want to do so.

And then there is the formal relation of the empty paper to the ink lines. Here, I confess, when I first saw the January number, I was somewhat disappointed. I felt that too fine a quill had been used, and that, as a result, the solid lines were a little meager and wirey. But now that I have seen the March issue, I see that I was wrong. It was the words JANUARY 1949 in heavy faced type at the bottom of the page that had thrown the relations

of the lines and spaces off balance. Now that the month and year are quill-written also, there is nothing to interfere with the harmony originally planned by the artist.

The design of coins and medals has been for many years of great interest to me, and I have had some practical experience with it. With my partner, the sculptor John Howard Benson, I designed the Rhode Island Memorial half dollar, cut the dies for the Harvard Tercentenary medallion and medal, and for several other medals for private associations. I also drew up for the U.S. mint a scheme for a complete new coinage of gold, silver and base metal coins, which was never used.

I think that *The Numismatist* should be congratulated in the good example it is offering in an artistic field that certainly needs reforming.

Very faithfully yours,

(Signed) Graham Carey"

I am happy to report that the new cover has received almost universal approval from the membership.

Sincerely,

Lloyd B. Gettys

LOYD B. GETTYS, President

DOMESTIC COINAGE EXECUTED BY MINTS DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1949

Denomination	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	Total Value	Total Pieces
SILVER					
Half dollars	\$ 788,000.00	.....	\$ 973,000.00	\$1,761,000.00	3,522,000
Quarter dollars .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dimes	835,000.00	.....	923,000.00	1,758,000.00	17,580,000
Total silver	\$1,623,000.00	.....	\$1,896,000.00	\$3,519,000.00	21,102,000
MINOR					
Five-cent pieces	\$ 76,800.00	\$390,000.00	.....	\$ 466,800.00	9,336,000
One-cent pieces	292,950.00	110,000.00	\$ 213,000.00	615,950.00	61,595,000
Total minor	\$ 369,750.00	\$500,000.00	\$ 213,000.00	\$1,082,750.00	70,931,000
Total Domestic coinage	\$1,992,750.00	\$500,000.00	\$2,109,000.00	\$4,601,750.00	92,033,000

COINAGE EXECUTED FOR FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

Mint	Country	Metal	Denomination	Total Pieces
Philadelphia	Cuba	Silver	20 Centavos	4,400,000
Philadelphia	Saudi Arabia	Silver	1 Rial	4,792,000
				9,192,000

ACCUMULATIVE MINT REPORT FOR 1949

(Number of pieces struck)

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars - regular	1,760,000	.....	2,112,000
Half dollars - Booker T. Washington	12,004	12,004	12,004
Quarter dollars	1,732,000	.....	2,354,000
Dimes	18,300,000	.....	24,410,000
Five-cent pieces	2,036,000	7,800,000	4,478,000
One-cent pieces	85,775,000	44,400,000	49,990,000

GEORGE WASHINGTON MEDALS OF 1889

An Illustrated List of the Medals of the Centennial Celebration of the
Inauguration of George Washington, 1889

By SUSAN H. DOUGLAS, Caldwell, New Jersey

(Continued)

13. CENTENNIAL INAUGURATION — EQUESTRIAN

Obv. Clothed bust right with E A K incuse on truncation. Around left and right border, GEORGE WASHINGTON

Rev. Equestrian figure to right, right arm extended; straight line ground with scroll work below; encircled by wreath joined on the left and right by arms of N.Y. City and N.Y. State. Around upper border CENTENNIAL INAUGURATION and around lower border NEW YORK APRIL 30 1889.

Bronze, gilt and w.m.

Size 28

Smith no. 2, p. 26

E A K on truncation refers to E. A. Kretschman, sculptor, whose studio was on the northeast corner, 9th and Ward Street, Philadelphia.

14. CENTENNIAL OF THE INAUGURATION

Obv. Accolated busts right of Washington and Harrison, M on truncation of Washington. Around left and right border WASHINGTON and HARRISON and around lower border 1789-1889

Rev. Square tablet with legend in seven lines, CENTENNIAL OF THE / INAUGURATION OF / GEORGE WASHINGTON / AS FIRST PRESIDENT / OF THE UNITED STATES / NEW YORK APRIL 30. / 1789 Around the border behind the tablet, two sprays crossed at the top and bottom.

Bronze and w.m.

Size 24

Burr XXI; Smith no. 4, p. 41

This obverse was also used with the following reverse: five line legend, the first and last curved, AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE/CELEBRATION/ JULY 4-5-6/1889./DENVER, COL. This combination, although 1889, was not struck as a Centennial of the Inauguration piece and is therefore not numbered in this list.

15. CENTENNIAL — OUR FIRST PRESIDENT

Obv. Oblong metal; large raised shield with perpendicular plain and ribbed stripes; across the top, thirteen stars; below on two bands, CENTENNIAL / OUR FIRST Below that, as though swinging from two slanted bands inscribed 1789 and 1889 two half-circle bands enclosing bust of Washington left; upper band PRESIDENT lower band GEORGE WASHINGTON Around lower border of shield on a plain band, FIRST IN WAR, FIRST IN PEACE AND FIRST IN THE HEARTS OF HIS COUNTRYMEN At the top point of shield, on the left curve, COP'Y'D and on the right curve, 1889 LF

Rev. Blank.

Gilded metal

Size 28 x 22

American Numismatic Society collection.



16. COMPLIMENTS OF BLACK STARR & FROST

Obv. On a circular field, view of Sub-Treasury building with statue of Washington; scroll work below and 1789-1889 curved. Around the border on a plain band * THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF WASHINGTON'S INAUGURATION

Rev. On the upper field in four lines, first and last curved, COMPLIMENTS / OF with scrolls each side / BLACK, STARR & FROST / - - / NEW YORK In the center, two crossed flags with standards; left flag with 13 stars, right flag with 38 stars; the ends of each flag draped over the standards, scroll work below. Around the border, two sprays tied at the bottom by large bow and ending at the top at each side of the first word of the legend. In very small letters on lower left border, P.L.KRIDER CO,PHILA.

White metal

Size 32

Burr XXII; Smith no. 4, p. 18

17. DENMAN THOMPSON'S PLAY

Obv. Accolated busts right of Washington and Harrison with CHILDS on truncation of Washington. Around the left border, GEO.WASHINGTON and upper border, 1789 and right border, BENJ HARRISON and lower border, 1889

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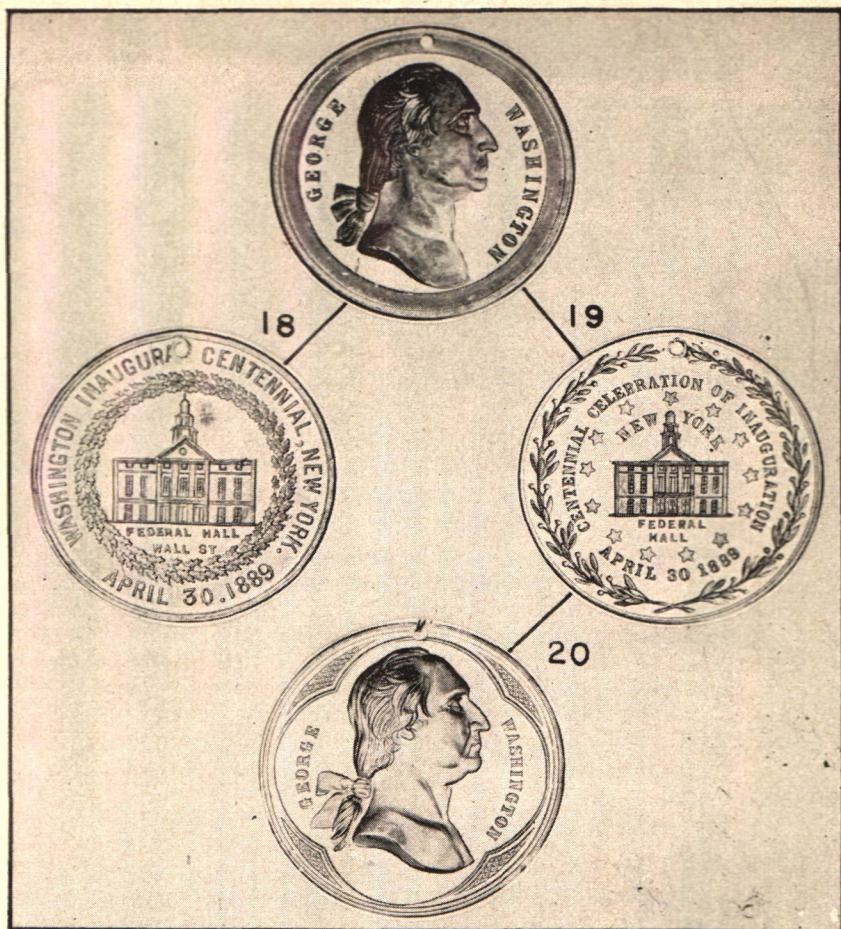
Bronze

Size 25

18. FEDERAL HALL No. 1

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Rev. In the center, encircled by a heavy wreath, view of Federal Hall and in two lines below, FEDERAL HALL / WALL ST Around upper border, WASHINGTON INAUGURAL CENTENNIAL, NEW YORK. and around lower border, APRIL



30 . 1889

White metal

Size 25

19. FEDERAL HALL No. 2

Obv. Same as CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION No. 2

Rev. In the center, view of Federal Hall with NEW YORK curved and divided by the tower; below, in two lines, FEDERAL / HALL; all the above enclosed by a circle of thirteen stars, evenly spaced; around the circle of stars, CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF INAUGURATION APRIL 30 1889. Around the border, two sprays crossed at the bottom and almost touching at top.

White metal

Size 25

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20. FEDERAL HALL No. 3

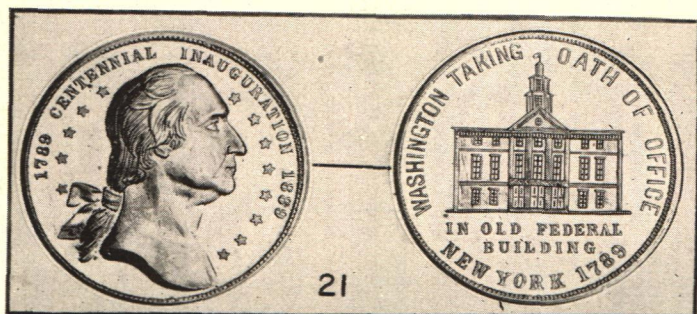
Obv. Undraped bust right with GEORGE and WASHINGTON in the left and right arch of a raised quatrefoil around the border.

Rev. Same as FEDERAL HALL No. 2

White metal

Size 25

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21. FEDERAL HALL No. 4, OLD FEDERAL BUILDING

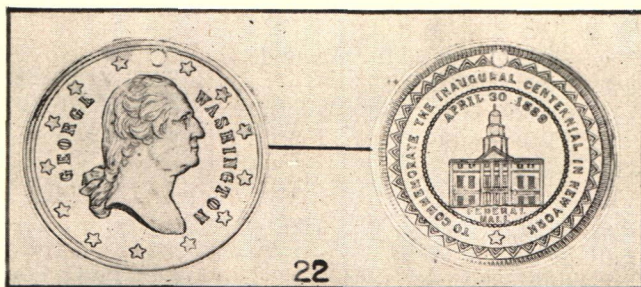
Obv. Undraped bust right, L on truncation; to left, curved, 5 stars and to right, curved, 8 stars. Around upper border, 1789 CENTENNIAL INAUGURATION 1889

Rev. View of Federal Hall and in two lines below, IN OLD FEDERAL / BUILDING Around upper border, WASHINGTON TAKING OATH OF OFFICE and around lower border, NEW YORK 1789

White metal, reeded and plain.

Size 24

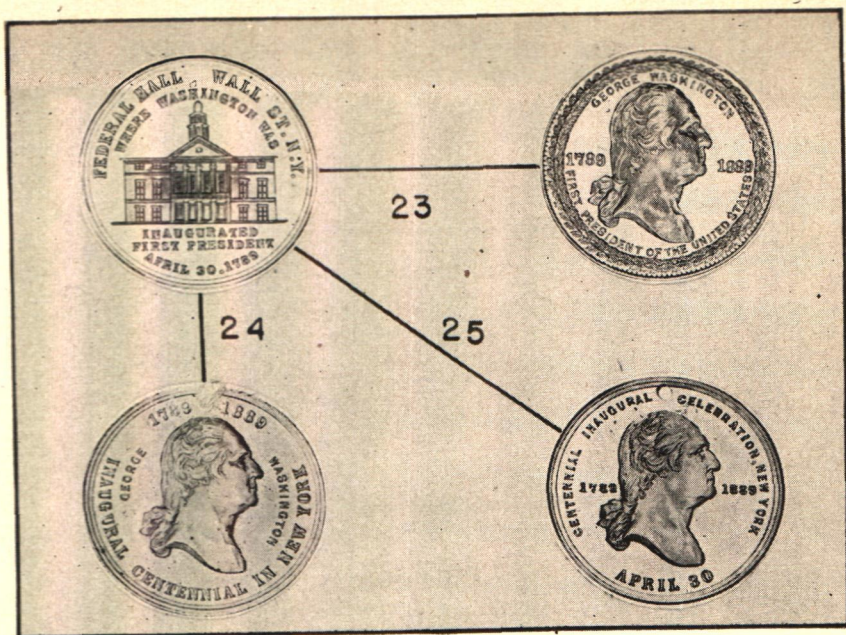
Smith no. 2, p. 42



22. FEDERAL HALL No. 5

Obv. Undraped bust right, LOVETT on truncation; to left and right of bust, curved, GEORGE WASHINGTON Around the border, thirteen stars evenly spaced.

Rev. In a center, beaded circle, view of Federal Hall with APRIL 30 1889 curved above and in two straight lines below, FEDERAL / HALL Circular legend around the beaded circle, TO COMMEMORATE THE INAUGURAL CENTENNIAL IN



NEW YORK * Around the border a pattern of points.

White metal

Size 20

Smith no. 1, p. 80

23. FEDERAL HALL No. 6

Obv. Undraped bust right, LOVETT on truncation; in straight lines, to left and right, 1789 and 1889 Above the bust, curved, GEORGE WASHINGTON and below the bust, curved, FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES Wreath around the border.

Rev. View of Federal Hall. Around upper border, in two lines, FEDERAL HALL WALL ST. N.Y. / WHERE WASHINGTON WAS In two lines below building, INAUGURATED / FIRST PRESIDENT and around lower border, APRIL 30. 1789

White metal

Size 20

Smith no. 2, p. 80

24. FEDERAL HALL No. 7

Obv. Undraped bust right with LOVETT on truncation; to left and right, curved, GEORGE and WASHINGTON Around upper border 1789 1889 and around lower border INAUGURAL CENTENNIAL IN NEW YORK

Rev. Same as FEDERAL HALL No. 6

White metal

Size 20

Suspended by a ribbon from a composition button with a likeness of Washington, spread eagle and flag.

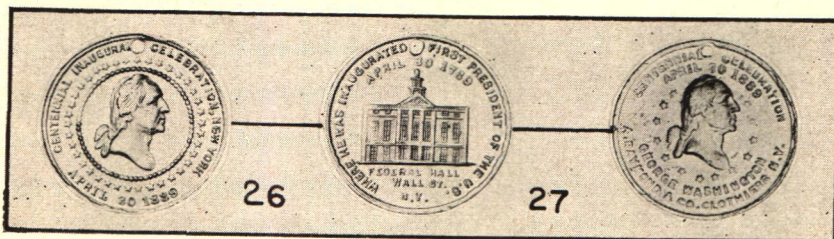
This obverse die, with LOVETT removed from the truncation of the bust, was used by the late Thomas L. Elder from about 1902 to 1910 with various reverses such as MORE ENDURING THAN BOOKS, STEAM NAVIGATION, TO-COMM-MOUGEY COLLECTION.

25. FEDERAL HALL No. 8

Obv. Undraped bust right, LOVETT on truncation; in straight lines to left and right, 1789 and 1889 Around upper border CENTENNIAL INAUGURAL CELEBRATION, NEW YORK and around lower border, April 30

Rev. Same as FEDERAL HALL No. 6
White metal

Size 20



26. FEDERAL HALL No. 9

Obv. Undraped bust right encircled by tiny dots, which are encircled by thirty-eight stars. Around upper border, CENTENNIAL INAUGURAL CELEBRATION, NEW YORK and around lower border, APRIL 30 1889

Rev. View of Federal Hall, above, curved, APRIL 30 . 1789 and below, in two straight lines, FEDERAL HALL / WALL ST. Around the border, WHERE HE WAS INAUGURATED FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. N.Y.

White metal

Size 15

Burr XIX; Smith no. 5, p. 120

27. FEDERAL HALL No. 10

Obv. Undraped bust right; three-quarters of the way around, under the bust, thirteen stars. Around upper border, in two lines, CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION / APRIL 30 1889 and around lower border in two lines, GEORGE WASHINGTON / A. RAYMOND & CO.CLOTHIERS N.Y.

Rev. Same as FEDERAL HALL No. 9

White metal

Size 15

28. FEDERAL HALL No. 11

Obv. Draped bust right. Around upper border, in two lines, CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION / APRIL 30 1889 and around lower border, in two lines, GEORGE WASHINGTON / * * * * *

Rev. View of Federal Hall; above, curved, APRIL 30. 1789 and below, in three straight lines, FEDERAL HALL / WALL ST. / N.Y. Around the border, WHERE HE WAS INAUGURATED FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. *

White metal

Size 15

Smith no. 4, p. 120



29. FEDERAL HALL No. 12

Obv. "Undraped bust facing right surrounded by thirteen stars.
Above APRIL 30, 1889 and below GEORGE WASHINGTON"

Rev. "View of Federal Hall. Above it APRIL 30 - 1789 and below it
FEDERAL HALL, WALL ST."

Lead

Size 13

Smith no. 5, p. 128

The above description is copied from Mr. Smith's book. I have never seen this piece.

30. FIRST IN WAR, FIRST IN PEACE

Obv. Undraped bust right. Around upper border, GENERAL GEO.
WASHINGTON and around lower border, * 1789 * 1889 *

Rev. Legend in six uneven lines, FIRST IN WAR / FIRST IN
PEACE / FIRST / IN THE / HEARTS OF HIS COUNTRY-
MEN Around the border, a heavy spray overlapping itself.

White metal

Size 14

Smith no. 3, p. 122

American Numismatic Society collection

(To be continued)

MICHAEL HILLEGAS

By H. R. STERRETT, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The \$10 gold note of the United States bears on its face the portrait of Michael Hillegas, First Treasurer of the U. S.

How many collectors, or others, know anything about this man who assumed the arduous task of handling the finances of a rebellious people? I have a recollection of seeing his name on a memorial in old Christ Church cemetery in Philadelphia many years ago, but it is the curiosity of a numismatist that led me to seek more information about this man of the days preceding and during the American Revolution. Sources of information are neither numerous nor profuse in what they contain.

The influence of birth and early life have much to do with the course of later life and was more pronounced in those days than in ours, so let us see what we can learn of the family of Michael Hillegas.

The family tradition is that the name was originally Hill de Gasz, and their forebears fled from France to the German Palatinate during the persecution of the French Huguenots. Michael's parents, both born in Germany, were Michael, senior, born in 1696, and Margaret, born in 1705.

They came to America in the year 1727, passengers on the William & Sarah, William Hill, master, and settled in Philadelphia, where Michael, senior, set up business.

In the *Pennsylvania Gazette* of June 29, 1738, appeared his advertisement for a runaway slave and gave his occupation as "potter." He evidently was not satisfied to remain a potter for he afterwards became a prominent merchant and acquired a large amount of property. He was also interested in maritime ventures. The records show that he was naturalized on April 11, 1749, and died October 20 of the same year. His wife lived until July 21, 1770.

Michael, junior, first of a large family, was born April 22, 1729, in Philadelphia. Michael received a good education, entered his father's "counting house" at an early age, and became his father's executor at the age of 21. As primogeniture was then the vogue, he probably received the major portion of the estate. He became a prominent figure in Philadelphia affairs, a refiner of sugar, interested in the manufacture of iron, and one of the first to invest in the development of Pennsylvania's anthracite coal deposits.

We find him to have been active in the political life of Philadelphia and the Province of Pennsylvania. The records show that he held these public offices:

1762 Commissioner to select a site and erect a fort (Mifflin) for protection against foreign foes.

1763-1775 Member of the Provincial Assembly of Pennsylvania.

1774 Member of the Committee of Observation of Philadelphia.

1775-1776 Member of Pennsylvania Committee of Safety.

1776-1777 Treasurer of both the Pennsylvania Committee of Safety, and of the Continental Congress.

Then, on September 7, 1777, Congress gave him the title of Treasurer of the United States, a position he held until September 11, 1789, when the Federal Constitution set up the Treasury Department, under the supervision of the Secretary of the Treasury, as at present.

1789-1804 Associate judge of the Mayor's Court.

1792-1804 Alderman of the City of Philadelphia.

He died in Philadelphia on September 29, 1804. His wife, Henrietta Boude, had died in 1792. Ten children survived him.

While serving in the Provincial Assembly Mr. Hillegas was a member of the committee to audit and settle the accounts of the General Land Office and the other public accounts of the province. This was useful in the Treasurer's office and the systems employed were the basis of the accounting of the Revolutionary and Confederation periods and were carried over under the Constitution in the Treasury Department.

In 1781 the Assembly passed a resolution authorizing the collection and publishing of the records of that body and delegated the task to Michael Hillegas. In 1782 he published "*The Journals of the Assembly*," Volume I, which included the records of five Provincial Assemblies, and also the three bodies concerned in the formation of the Constitution — the Provincial Convention of 1775; the Conference of Commissioners of 1776; and the Constitutional Convention of 1776. Also included were

the Declaration of Independence, the Pennsylvania Constitution, and the Articles of Confederation. So, perhaps, with a realization of the importance of the events in which they had been participants, the Pennsylvania political leaders provided an adequate record. He did the work well and the volume has proved a mine of information for the constitutional, political, and social life of the country. The exact number of copies is not known but the Assembly agreed to purchase 200 copies and Hillegas had the right to print more and sell them. On account of its size (folio) and importance, many have been preserved and are in the principal libraries of the country.

We find little of the private life of Michael Hillegas, although the diary of John Adams in 1775 says: The Assembly and the Congress inspected two "row-galleys" that had been built for the protection of the Delaware and wrote that "Hillegas is one of our Continental Treasurers, is a great musician, and talks continually of the forte and piano, Handel, and songs and tunes. He plays the fiddle."

In 1769 Hillegas became a member of the American Philosophical Society, of which Benjamin Franklin was president, founded for the advancement of scientific research.

To help the operations of the Treasury we find Mr. Hillegas one of the first to subscribe to the formation of the Bank of North America, founded in 1782, his bit being four thousand pounds.

It is hard for us to realize the conditions to be met by the Treasurer of those days, when the food, clothing, and all equipment for the army had to be provided for by this body. It was the custom of Congress to issue warrants, to be sent to the Committee of Safety and the Provincial Assembly of Pennsylvania, to supply the money to pay these warrants. I insert copies of two letters to show some of the things that were met with at the time Mr. Hillegas was Treasurer.

M. Hillegas to President Reed

Philadelphia, Aug. 7th, 1780

Gentlemen:

I am directed by the Honorable The Board of Treasury on the 5th inst. to present the two Warrants of Congress on His Excellency the President and the Supreme Council of the Commonwealth of Pa. dated June 29th last, the one for One Million Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars and the other for Four Million Five Hundred and Sixty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Five Dollars and Thirty Ninetieths of a Dollar, for payment and report their answers.

I am Gentlemen, with great Esteem, Your most Obt. Servant,
M. Hillegas, Treas.

The answer:

Pres. Reed to Michael Hillegas, Treas.

Sir:

In answer to your Favour received this morning, which has been laid before the Council, I am to acquaint you with the Orders already accepted — 3 Millions of Dollars paid for Beef and other Flesh in the late Exequence of the Army and the Certificates on Hand for Quarter Masters & Commissaries Debts & which have been paid in for Taxes agreeable to the Resolution of Congress of May last — the Quota of the State subject to the Order of Congress must be fully paid. Notwithstanding this if it was in our Power we should clearly accept the Orders payable on the future Quotas, if the State of our Treasury would permit, but the vast Expen-

ditures of the State in consequence of the System for specific Supplies — & now the Call of the Militia absolutely incapacitates us from giving any Relief. On the 3rd inst the Treasurer certified that he had only 46,000 Dollars in the Treasury. And our State money has met with so unkind a reception we fear it will not answer your purposes nor those for which it was issued, viz: procuring Bread for the Army.

I am, Sir, your most ab't and humble servant

J. Reed

Endorsed Aug. 7th, 1780
To Michael Hillegas Esq, Cont'l Treas.

From the meagre supply of information, one must conclude that the portrait of Michael Hillegas has an appropriate place in the currency history of our country; that his place in our national history has not been accorded the position that his contribution to the cause of the Colonies deserves, and that those who wrote our early histories were more sectional than national in their writings.

Library Notes

By T. R. HAMMER, A.N.A. Librarian

336 N. Clifton Ave., Wichita 8, Kans.

Have you ever used the American Numismatic Association library?

If you are among those fortunate collectors who have private libraries, you may not need our facilities. But if you need a work on large cents, coins of Rome or Greece — or on any specialty — let us know.

Every member received a library list last October — and new members receive them along with membership directories. Use them, will you?

It has been our pleasure to serve many members steadily for the nine years we've been librarian. Many borrowers have joined since then and we've met either by mail or at conventions.

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May we add you to our list of borrowers?

Collectors of English silver coins will welcome *English Silver Coins 1066 — 1648* issued by B. A. Seaby, Ltd., of London, an illustrated book of 82 pages. Most of the articles in the book are reprinted from the monthly *Coin*

and Medal Bulletin of Seabys. Half a page on Norman pennies marks the opening of the work and much other information is provided, in addition to illustrations and descriptions of the coins. The publisher donated a copy to the American Numismatic Association library and its number is S-110.

Other Donations of Wide Interest

G-24, *Congressional Currency* by A. C. Gordon, published in New York, 1895, 228 pages, a story of the start and growth of the United States currency system; Y-2, 1949 issue *A Guide Book of U.S. Coins*, illustrated, 254 pages, index, mint list dating from 1793, colonial coins and others listed, with valuable other information on U.S. coins not generally available in one book.

We are indebted to Numismatic Gallery for D-42, *American Numismatic Manual* by Dr. M. W. Dickeson. This work of 1859 long has been recognized as outstanding for its wide field and beautiful colored plates. It contains plates on odd and curious money and U.S. colonials — it must have been quite a help to collectors of that era. This work appeared 15 years before Dr. Crosby's *Coins of Early America*.

B. A. Seaby, Ltd., London, sent a bound copy of "Seaby's Coin & Medal

Bulletin for 1948." This work is well indexed and while it is excellent for coins of Great Britain and the continent, also has many illustrated and other articles on coins of the world. Its value is increased by the fact coins are priced. Incidentally, the 1947 issues were out 11 times last year, and often a member must wait one to three weeks to obtain this loan.

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Just out — two more reprints: *National Bank Notes in the Early Years*, by William H. Dilliston of Paterson, New Jersey, 24 pages; *Coin Mottoes and Their Translations*, by Stuart Mosher, editor of *The Numismatist*, 38 pages. They are 30 cents each, postpaid in Canada and the U.S. They are shipped elsewhere at buyer's risk, with postage extra. These reprints are published without the heavy blue covers of former reprints.

Gimbels Coin department has contributed a copy of *International Coin Catalogue*, 1949. This work of 232 pages will be invaluable to collectors; it contains prices and has some illustrations.

Among recent additions to the library:

S-109, *Emergency Monies of the World, 1914-1924*, by Arlie Slabaugh, donated by the author.

M-90P, *The Commemoration of 1848*, by Imre Molnar, Numismatic Scrapbook reprint, donated by the author.

Y-5P, *Handbook of U.S. Coins, Types*, donated by the author, R. S. Yeoman.

E-4, *Monedalandia* (Manual de Numismatica — Argentina), by Jorge Elmezian, 148 pages, illustrated (Spanish).

D-41P, *Medalets of the Presidential Campaign of 1848*, by Doyle Dewitt, reprint from *The Numismatist*, donated by author.

A-3P, *The U.S. Mint* (Early Engineering Reminiscences — from American Machinist), donated by R. H. Williamson.

M-92, *Paper Money of Early Educational Institutions*, by Dr. John A. Muscalus, donated by the author.

M-91, *County Scrip Issued in the United States*, by Dr. John A. Muscalus, donated by the author.

K-30P, *Coin Collectors Aren't So*

Crazy, from *Coronet* of September, 1947.

P-39P, *Rules and Regulations on the Registration and Deposit of Emergency Currency* (Philippine Islands), donated by Gilbert Perez.

B-74, *The Natural Law of Money*, by William Brough; A-79, *The Functions of Money*, by Leonard Alston; B-73, *Money, Banking and Finance*, by Albert S. Bolles; J-17, *Money and the Mechanism of Exchange*, by W. S. Jevons; R-37, *Money*, by D. H. Robertson.

M-93P, *The Canadian Banking System* by James Muir, donated by J. D. Ferguson.

C-71P, *Francis E. Spinner*, by Herman K. Crofoot, a three-page pamphlet including signatures of Spinner.

H-69, *Barbarous Radiates*, by Philip V. Hill, 50 pages, and F-28, *Notes on the Early Coinage of Transoxiana*, by Richard N. Frye, both American Numismatic Society monographs.

F-27P, *A Moeda de Mocambique*, by J. M. Folgosa.

U-10P, *Facts About U.S. Money*, a treasury pamphlet of 17 pages.

B-72P, *Orders and Decorations* (from *Encyclopedia Americana*), by Alfred C. Batson, 8 pages, illustrated.

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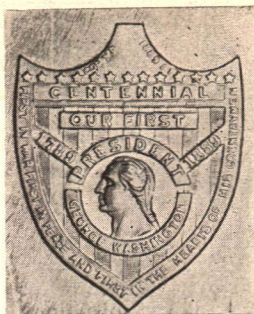
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16. COMPLIMENTS OF BLACK STARR & FROST

Obv. On a circular field, view of Sub-Treasury building with statue of Washington; scroll work below and 1789-1889 curved. Around the border on a plain band * THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF WASHINGTON'S INAUGURATION

Rev. On the upper field in four lines, first and last curved, COMPLIMENTS / OF with scrolls each side / BLACK, STARR & FROST / - - / NEW YORK In the center, two crossed flags with standards; left flag with 13 stars, right flag with 38 stars; the ends of each flag draped over the standards, scroll work below. Around the border, two sprays tied at the bottom by large bow and ending at the top at each side of the first word of the legend. In very small letters on lower left border, P.L.KRIDER CO,PHILA.

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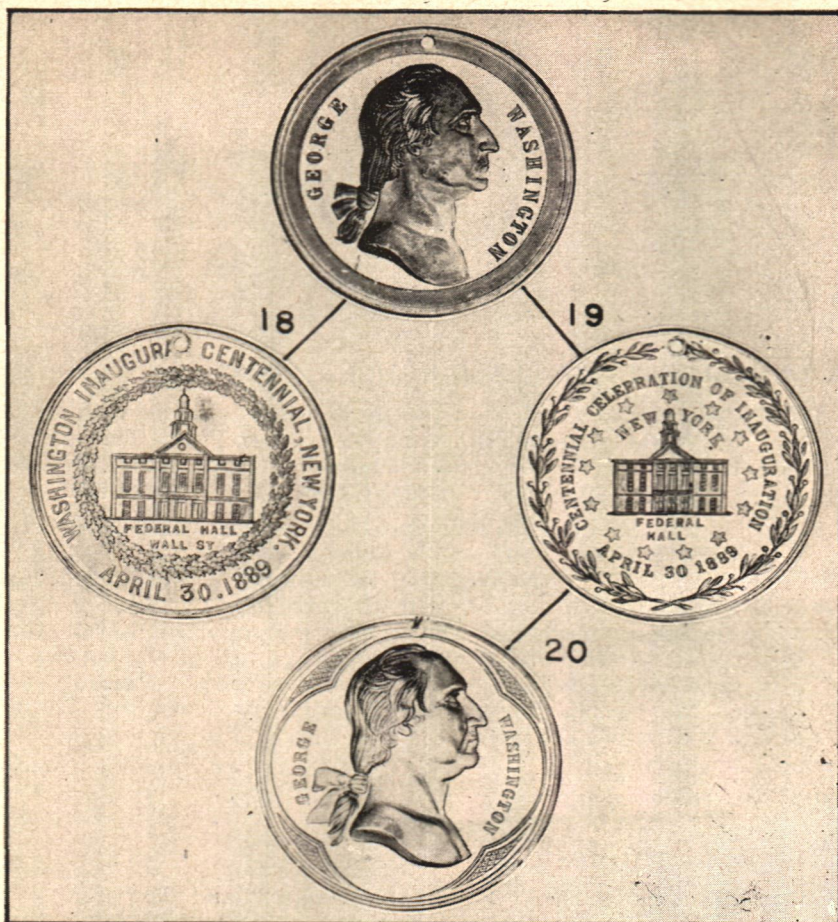
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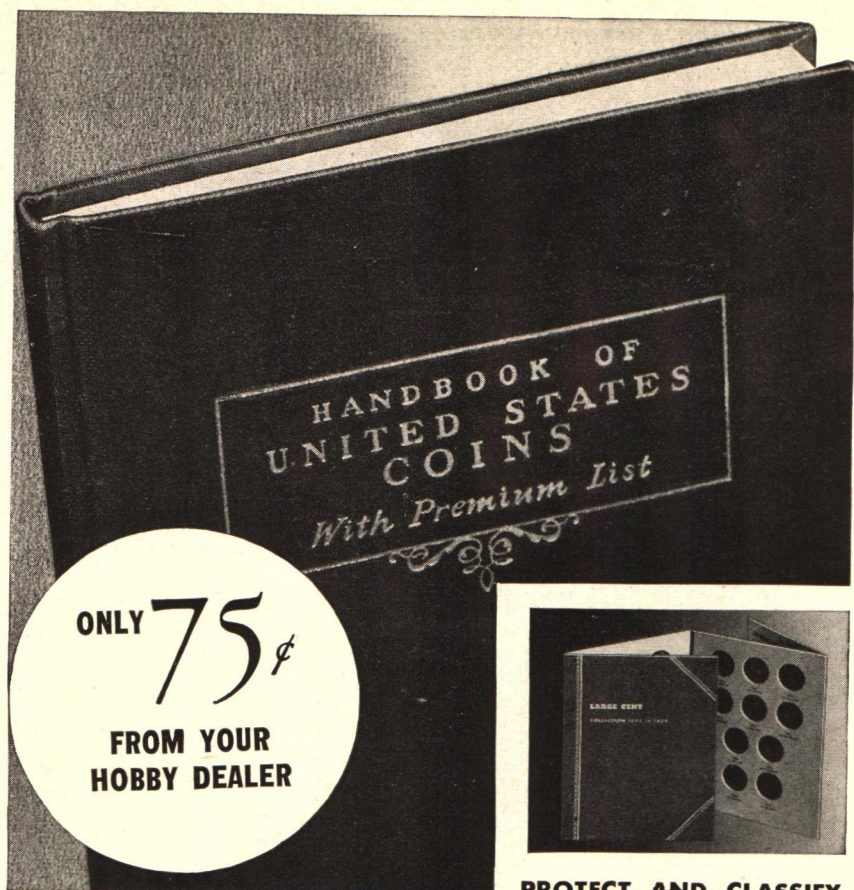
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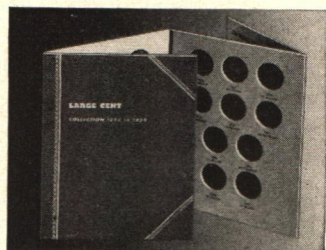
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1864-1873	.20	.35	.50	1.00	10.00
U. S. Three Cents, Nickel					
1865-1889	.20	.35	.50	1.00	3.50
U. S. Three Cents, Silver					
1851-1853	.25	.50	1.00	3.50	
1854-1858	1.00	1.50	2.00	2.50	
1859-1873	.75	1.00	1.50	2.50	
U. S. Half Dimes					
1794-1795	6.50	12.50	25.00		
1796-1797	15.00				
1800-1805	10.00				
1829-1837	.35	.75	1.25	2.50	
1837-1838 "O"	2.50	3.00	4.00	5.75	
1838-1860	.25	.50	1.00	1.25	10.00
1853-1855 (Arrows)	.25	.50	.75	1.75	
1860-1873	.25	.50	.75	1.25	5.00
U. S. Five Cent Pieces (Nickel)					
1866-1867 Rays	.75	1.00	3.50	10.00	25.00
1867-1883	.35	.50	1.25	2.00	3.50
1883 No CENTS		.15	.20	.35	2.50
1883-1912		.15	.25	1.75	3.50
1913-Type I		.25	.50	1.00	
1913-1938 Type II			.20	.35	6.00
1938 to date				.15	2.00
1942-1945 (Silver Alloy)				.15	2.00

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U. S. Dimes	Fair or Good	V. Good or Fine	V. Fine	Unc.	Proof
1796-1797	\$	\$35.00	\$50.00	\$	\$
1798-1807	3.50	10.00	17.50	25.00	
1809-1828	.40	1.00	2.50	10.00	.....
1828-1837	.40	.75	1.50	4.50	.....
1837-1838 "O" No Stars	2.50	3.50	7.50	12.50	.....
1838-1860	.35	.75	1.25	2.50	.....
1853-1855 (Arrows)	.35	.50	1.00	2.50	.....
1860-1891	.35	.50	1.00	1.50	3.00
1873-1874 (Arrows)	.50	.75	1.25	2.50	5.00
1892-1916	.....	.25	.50	2.50	3.50
1916-1945	.....	.....	.....	.35	1.50
1946 to date	.....	.....	.....	.25	.....
U. S. Twenty Cent Pieces					
1875-1878	1.25	1.75	2.50	5.00	20.00
U. S. Quarter Dollars					
1796	.....	65.00	95.00	.....	.....
1804-1807	1.75	4.50	15.00	.....	.....
1815-1828	2.00	4.50	10.00	15.00	.....
1831-1838	.75	1.25	2.50	3.50	.....
1838-1866	.75	1.00	2.00	3.50	7.50
1853-1855 Arrows	.50	1.00	1.50	2.25	.....
1866-1891	.50	.75	1.25	2.50	5.00
1873-1874 Arrows	1.00	1.50	2.50	3.75	6.50
1892-1916	.....	.....	1.25	3.50	5.00
1916-1917 Type I	.....	.....	1.25	2.50	.....
1917-1930 Type II	.....	.50	1.00	2.50	.....
1932 to date	.....	.....	.35	.50	2.00
U. S. Half Dollars					
1794-1795	7.50	17.50	27.50	.....	.....
1796-1807	2.00	3.00	5.00	.....	.....
1807-1836	1.00	1.25	1.50	3.00	.....
1836-1837	1.25	1.50	2.00	5.00	.....
1838-1839	1.25	2.50	3.50	5.75	.....
1839-1866	1.25	1.50	2.25	3.00	10.00
1853-1855 Arrows	1.25	1.50	1.75	3.00	.....
1866-1891	1.25	1.50	2.00	3.50	7.50
1873-1874 Arrows	1.50	2.00	3.00	5.00	8.50
1892-1915	.75	1.00	1.50	4.50	7.50
1916-1947	.....	.....	.75	1.00	3.00
1948 to date	.....	.....	.....	.75	.....
U. S. Silver Dollars					
1794-1795	17.50	25.00	40.00	.....	.....
1795-1798	15.00	20.00	25.00	.....	.....
1798-1804	10.00	12.50	20.00	50.00	.....
1840-1865	5.00	6.50	9.00	15.00	.....
1866-1873	4.00	5.75	6.50	7.50	17.50
1878-1921		1.50	1.75	2.25	8.50
1921-1935			1.50	2.00	
U. S. Trade Dollars					
1873-1883	2.00	2.75	3.25	5.00	12.50

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1866 Fine 1.60; v. fine	\$ 3.00	1915-D V. good .50; uncirculated ..	\$10.00
1866 Uncirculated 9.00; proof	20.00	1916 Fine .30; v. fine	.50
1867 Rays, uncirculated	20.00	1916 Uncirculated	2.00
1867 No rays, fine .75; v. fine	1.25	1916 Proof	8.00
1867 Uncirculated 3.75; proof	8.00	1916-S fine .75; uncirculated	10.00
1868 Fine 1.15; very fine	1.50	1916-D V. fine	1.00
1868 Uncirculated	3.75	1917 Fine	.30
1869 Very good .50; fine	1.25	1917-D V. good	.80
1869 Proof	8.00	1917-S V. good	1.50
1870 Proof	10.00	1918 Fine	.30
1871 Proof	60.00	1918/7-D Good	6.00
1872 Good .75; proof	8.00	1918-D V. good	.50
1873 Ex. fine	4.00	1919 Fine .25; v. fine	.40
1874 Proof	15.00	1919 Ex. fine	1.00
1875 Ex. fine 12.50; proof	30.00	1919-S V. good	.40
1876 Proof	9.00	1919-D V. good	.40
1877 Proof	75.00	1920 Fine .30; v. fine	.50
1878 Proof	20.00	1920-S V. good	.40
1879 Uncirculated	4.00	1920-D V. good	.40
1880 Proof	10.00	1921 Fine .30; uncirculated	4.00
1882 Ex. fine 1.50; proof	3.50	1923 Fine .30; v. fine	.50
1883 Proof	3.50	1923-S VG	.50
1883 No CENTS, proof	2.50	1924 Fine .25; v. fine	.50
1883 Cents, unc. 2.50; prf.	4.00	1924-S Fine	1.00
1885 Proof	20.00	1924-D fine 1.00; v. fine	1.50
1886 Proof	8.00	1925 Fine .25; uncirculated	2.75
1887 Proof	3.75	1925-S V. good	.50
1888 V. fine 1.50; proof	3.75	1925-D Good	.35
1889 Proof	3.75	1926 Fine .25; uncirculated	1.75
1890 Proof	4.00	1926-S V. good	.35
1891 Proof	4.00	1926-D V. good .25; uncirculated ..	2.50
1892 Proof	4.00	1927 Fine .25; uncirculated	2.00
1893 Proof	4.00	1927-S V. good .25; fine	1.00
1894 Proof	4.00	1927-D V. fine .75; uncirculated ..	5.00
1895 Proof	3.50	1928 V. fine .35; uncirculated	2.00
1896 Proof	5.25	1928-S Fine	.35
1897 Proof	5.00	1928-D Uncirculated	1.20
1898 Proof	5.00	1929 Uncirculated	.75
1899 Fine 1.25; uncirculated	4.00	1929-D Uncirculated	1.00
1900 Fine	.65	1929-S Uncirculated	1.25
1902 Fine .50; x. fine	1.00	1930 Uncirculated	1.50
1905 Fine .35; uncirculated	2.50	1930-S Uncirculated	2.00
1906 Fine	.35	1931-S Uncirculated	1.75
1907 Fine .35; proof	4.00	1934 Uncirculated	1.00
1908 Fine .35; ex. fine	1.00	1934-D Uncirculated	1.25
1909 Fine .35; proof	3.25	1935 Uncirculated	.25
1910 Fine	.35	1935-D Uncirculated	.50
1911 Uncirculated	2.75	1935-S Uncirculated	.50
1912 Fine .25; uncirculated	2.25	1936 Uncirculated	.25
1912-D V. good .50; fine	1.00	1936 Proof	5.00
1912-D V. fine 1.50; uncirculated ..	22.50	1936-D Uncirculated	.35
1912-S Uncirculated	25.00	1936-S Uncirculated	.35
1913 Type 1 .35; uncirculated	.80	1937 Uncirculated	.25
1913-D Type 1 uncirculated	2.75	1937-D Uncirculated	.30
1913-S Type 1 V. fine 1.50; ex. fine	2.50	1937-S Uncirculated	.40
1913-S Type 1 uncirculated	8.50	1942 Uncirculated	.50
1913 Type 2 uncirculated	1.50	1942-D Uncirculated	1.00
1913-D Type 2 v. good 1.50; fine ...	2.00	1942-P Uncirculated .15; proof	1.25
1913-D Type 2 uncirculated	8.00	1942-S Uncirculated	.15
1914 Uncirculated 3.00; proof	6.00	1946-S Uncirculated	.30
1914-S V. good .50; uncirculated ..	10.00	Complete sets uncirculated, each .	9.00
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1917-D Type II ...	20.00	16.75	1926	3.50	3.25
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1918-S	17.50	13.75	1927-D	4.00	2.95
1919	17.50	15.50	1928	4.00	3.95
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1849	\$5	Mormon, Salt Lake City, Utah, very fine	65.00
1860	\$5	Clark, Gruber & Co., uncirculated	75.00
1849	\$5	Oregon Exchange, extremely fine \$375.00; uncirculated	650.00
1851	\$10	Baldwin & Co., fine	750.00
1850	\$5	Moffat & Co., very fine	35.00
1849	\$10	Moffat & Co., very fine	85.00
1850	\$20	Moffat & Co., very fine \$175.00; extremely fine	250.00
1907	\$20	Roman numerals, perfect gem	125.00
1925-S	\$20	United States, about uncirculated	150.00
1915		Panama Pacific set, 5 piece, plastic housing, uncirculated	1,250.00
		11 piece gold Commemorative set, uncirculated	235.00
1929	100	Shillings Austria, brilliant proof	75.00
1935	100	Drachmai Greece, Comm. on restoration Monarchy, gem	300.00
1884	20	Drachmai Greece, extremely fine	20.00
1859	100	Francs France and 1908, extremely fine, each	85.00
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1946	100	Pesos Chile, uncirculated	39.00
1828	80	Lire Sardinia, extremely fine	75.00
1835	100	Lire Sardinia, extremely fine	85.00
1907	5£	Turkey Comm., very fine \$90.00; uncirculated	125.00
1887	5£	Great Britain and 1902, extremely fine, each	90.00
1852	1	Pound Gov. Assay Office Australia, uncirculated	35.00
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1914	\$10	Canada, extremely fine	35.00
1904	\$10	Thalers Denmark, purchased by U.S. 1917 for West Indies, X.F.	55.00
1853	\$10	Thalers Denmark, Frederick D'or, uncirculated	55.00
1919	\$10	Chinese gold Dollars, Yuan-Shih-Kai's picture, uncirculated	55.00
1907		Tael Emperor Kuang-Hsu, last emperor of China, equivalent to 50 Chinese silver Dollars, rare, gem	350.00
1916		Tael Yuan-Shih-Kai Hung Hsien, in military uniform, equivalent to 50 Chinese silver Dollars, gem	350.00
1920		Tael gold, Ssu-Chung's picture for memory, subsidiary coin, equivalent to 25 Chinese silver Dollars, uncirculated	200.00
1921		Tael Hsu-Shih-Chang, birthday celebration of President, equivalent to 50 Chinese silver Dollars, gem	325.00
1923		Tael Tsao Kuan, large size Chinese gold coin, equivalent to 50 Chinese silver Dollars, rare, gem	325.00
1916	60	Pesos Mexico, Oxaca Mint, only 20 coined, gem	550.00
1921	50	Pesos Mexico and 1931, extremely fine, each	60.00
	50	Pesos Mexico Centenarios, 1922 to 1930 and 1943 to 1946 each.....	55.00
	20	Pesos Aztec calendar, 1917 to 1921, extremely fine, each.....	25.00
1798	8	Scudos Carol IV So., very fine	65.00
1818	8	Scudos Ferdinand VII P. F. M., about uncirculated	75.00
1869	\$20	Treasury note, crisp	55.00
1869	\$10	Treasury note, crisp	27.50
1869	\$5	Treasury note, extremely fine	20.00
1869	\$2	Treasury note, extremely fine	15.50
1869	\$1	Treasury note, extremely fine	10.00
1922	\$10	Certificate M. Helegas, crisp	15.00
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20 Fr., Swiss	-----	8.75	-----	9.75	9.00	10.00
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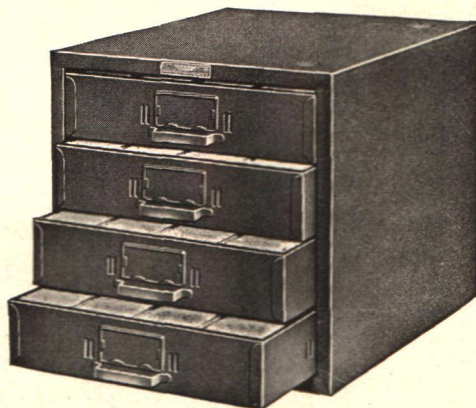
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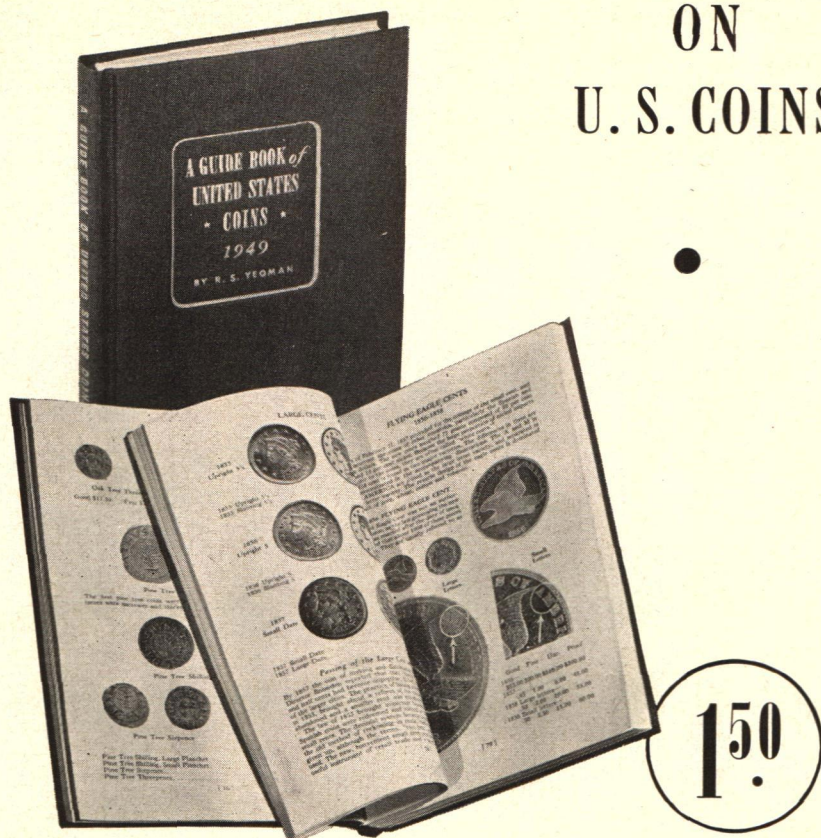
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For description and prices see corresponding numbers on following pages



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1. BELGIAN CONGO: 50 Francs 1944. Elephant type. Unc.	\$ 3.50
2. Brass 2 Francs 1943. Elephant. 6 sided coin. Unc.	.50
3. Brass 2 Francs 1946. Similar, but round. Unc.	.35
4. Brass 5 Francs 1947. Elephant. Unc.	.65
5. BELGIUM: 100 Francs 1948. 4 conjoined heads. Unc.	4.75
6. 50 Francs 1948. Head of Mercury. Unc.	2.50
7. 5 Francs 1948, nickel. Head of Ceres. Unc.	.50
8. 50 Francs 1939, 1940. Head of King Leopold III. Unc.	3.50
9. BRITISH W. AFRICA: Set brass and nickel 2, 1 Shilling, 6, 3, Pence 1938-1946. EF	2.50
10. BULGARIA: 100 Leva 1934, 37. Head of Boris III. EF	4.00
11. CUBA: 1 Peso 1939. Native female head. Scarce. Unc.	3.75
12. CURACAO: 2½ Guilders 1944. About unc.	4.00
13. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: 100 Koruny 1948. Commemorates 600th year of Charles University. Unc.	5.00
14. 100 Koruny 1948. Commemorates the 30th year of the Republic. Unc.	5.00
(NOTE: The above two coins are currently being quoted in Europe at from \$7.00 to \$10.00 each.)	
15. 50 Koruny 1948. Commemorates the Slovak rebellion. Unc.	2.50
16. 50 Koruny 1947. Commemorates the Liberation. Unc. Reduced to.	2.50
17. The above 4 coins sold as a lot. Special.	12.50
18. Set nickel 2, 1 Koruny, bronze 50, 20 Haleru 1946-48. The 2 Koruny has bust of Janosik. Unc.	1.00

OTHER CZECHOSLOVAKIAN COINS AT BARGAIN PRICES

(A recent special purchase enables us to reduce our current prices for the following Czechoslovakian coins.)

19. 10 Koruny 1928. 10th Anniversary. Masaryk head. Was \$2.25. Unc.	1.75
20. 10 Koruny 1930-1932. Seated female. Was \$2.50. Unc.	1.75
21. 20 Koruny 1933, 34. 3 standing figures. Was \$5.00. About unc., choice.	3.00
22. 20 Koruny 1937. Masaryk death issue. Was \$4.50. Unc.	2.75

THE COMPLETE SILVER COINAGE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, 1928-1948

23. 100 Koruny (2); 50 Koruny (2); 20 Koruny (2); 10 Koruny (2); 5 Koruny (1). Regular value \$25.75. All 9 pieces. Unc. Special.	20.00
24. DENMARK: Set bronze 2, 1 Kroner 1947. Unc.	1.90
25. DOMINICA: Set 50, 25, 10, 5, 1 Centavo 1937-45. About unc.	2.50
26. EAST AFRICA: 1 Shilling 1921, 22, 23, 24, 25. VF. Each.	1.00
27. 50 Cents 1921, 22, 24. F-VF. Each.	.50
28. 1 Shilling 1937, 41, 42, 44, 46. EF. Each.	.80
29. 50 Cents 1937, 43. EF. Each.	.50
30. FIJI: Set 2, 1, ½ Shillings 1937-42. Unc.	2.50
31. HUNGARY: 5 Pengo 1938. St. Stephen issue. Unc.	4.00
32. 5 Pengo 1930. Admiral Horthy. 10 year Jubilee. F. Special.	2.00
33. 5 Pengo 1939. Admiral Horthy. Regular issue. Unc.	3.75
34. 5 Pengo 1943. Aluminum. Parliament House. Unc.	2.50
35. 20 Forint 1948. New Commemorative. Unc. (Available about June 20)	6.00
36. 10 Forint 1948. New Commemorative. Unc. (Available about June 20)	3.75
37. 5 Forint 1948. New Commemorative. Unc. (Available about June 20)	2.75
38. The above 20, 10, 5 Forint sold as a lot.	10.00
39. INDIA: Nickel ½, ¼ Rupee 1946, 47. Tiger. Unc. Each.	.50
40. INDO-CHINA: Set nickel 20, 10 Centimes 1939-41. EF	.75
41. JAPAN: Bronze 50 Sen 1946. Phoenix type. Unc.	.25
42. Bronze 50 Sen 1947, size reduced. Cherry blossoms. Unc.	.25
43. LIECHTENSTEIN: Set gold 20, 10 Francs 1946. Unc.	45.00
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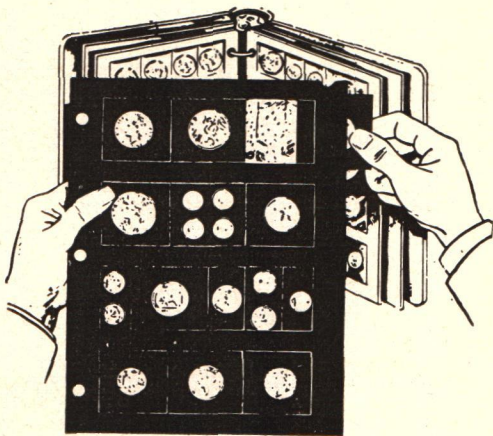
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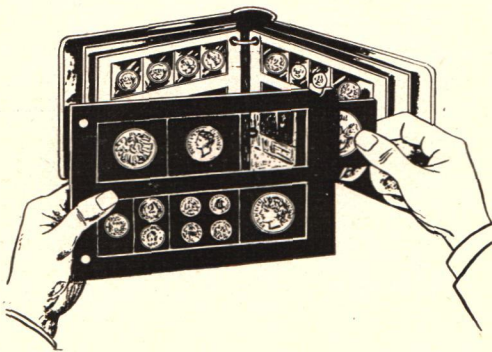
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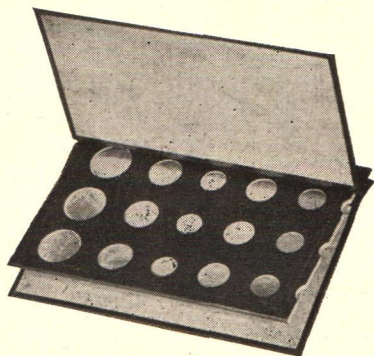
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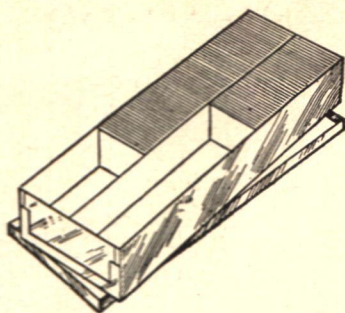
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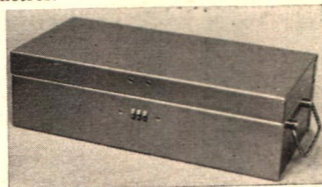


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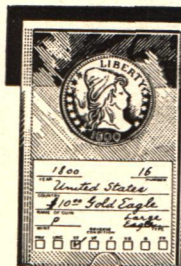
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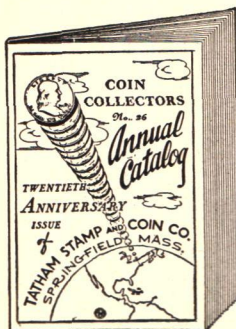
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From the desk of the General Secretary

The Convention

The arrangements for the annual convention of the Association, to be held this year in San Francisco on August 21-24, are nearly complete and it appears that it will be one of the best ever held. It will certainly be most attractive from the standpoint of comfort and interest, and the attendance will likely be greater than for any previous convention ever held by the Association. It is a meeting that you will not want to miss. Some business will be transacted, in which you will be interested and concerned, but this will be held to a minimum so that ample time will be available for the educational program, for entertainment, for viewing of the exhibits and for buying and selling. If you can plan your trip so as to accompany others it will add to the fun, but in any case, it will be most worthwhile for you to attend. Do not overlook the matter of advance reservations for hotel accommodations. San Francisco has quite a number of good hotels, but it will be inadvisable to wait until the last minute to make reservations. The May issue included an announcement of the procedure for making reservations. If you have not sent for a reservations blank, please do so at once. These blanks may be obtained from the office of the General Secretary.

Election of Officers

This most important item of business is not transacted at the convention. It is done entirely by mail so that each member has an equal voice. On or about July 10 you will receive by mail an official ballot. Regardless of whether or not you intend to be present at the convention, mark and mail this ballot promptly. It will not be opened until the election committee meets in San Francisco to count the ballots. Your vote is entirely secret and is most essential. These ballots should reach the office of the General Secretary not later than August 15 but may be delivered at the convention. No duplicate ballots will be available at the convention. If you are a member in good standing and fail to receive a ballot by July 20, please write for one. It will be sent promptly.

The Proxy System

Most corporations which hold business meetings at which members would be entitled to vote if present have a system whereby absent members can be represented by others. The Association has such a system, as prescribed in the By Laws. Members who are unable to attend the annual convention may designate any other member in attendance to represent them. This is done by filling out the Proxy Form which is mailed with the ballots. If you do not expect to attend the convention you should fill out this form and mail it to the office of the General Secretary. You must write on the form the name of the person or persons who are to represent you. No one else can do this for you. You should designate as your proxy some member who expects to be present, one whom you feel would vote as you would vote if present. It may be desirable to designate someone in your own city or club if possible, or possibly the District Secretary for your district, or any other member in whom you have full confidence. It should be clearly understood that the proxy has nothing to do with the election of officers. The ballot is entirely separate.

This proxy system has occasionally resulted in the situation where one or more members hold a majority of the proxies at a convention. This may be good or it may be bad. Our By Laws do not provide for any arbitrary limitation or restriction. Most business transacted at an annual convention is routine and consists mostly of formal acceptance of reports and recommendations for the consideration of the Executive Board. Motions on these matters are nearly always carried unanimously and it would be a waste of time to include a proxy vote. As a matter of fact, there has not been a proxy vote taken at any convention since 1937, and only then on a matter upon which

there was some difference of opinion but not very important. However, it is the privilege of any member to call for a proxy vote on any motion and this is the only way in which absent members can be represented and have a voice in convention proceedings.

An examination of the official reports of previous conventions will reveal that elected officers have held most of the proxies. This is more or less to be expected. The officers do attend the conventions and have an unquestioned interest in the business affairs of the Association as well as a familiarity with details. They also have a wide acquaintance with the members and, for the most part, enjoy their confidence and respect. It is only natural that they would be designated by quite a few members to represent them.

It has been suggested by some members that it may be undesirable for a few officers to hold most of the proxies. It would be possible to amend the By Laws in such a way as to avoid this situation, but a more critical analysis of the matter will indicate that there is no cause for alarm. Members should note that our Federal Charter, which acts as our Constitution, and is not subject to amendment except by an act of Congress, specifically places the control of the Association in the Board of Governors, elected by the members. The Board has the authority to veto any act by the convention, whether passed by means of proxies or otherwise. While there is no instance of a motion made and passed on the floor and later vetoed by the Board, the fact still remains that any such motion is no more and no less than a mere recommendation to the Board. The fact that members of the Board hold sufficient proxies to prevent an act by the convention which could be overruled anyway or to cause to be carried any motion which could be put into effect without a convention vote makes it absolutely meaningless to be concerned over how many proxies any one person might hold. There is no possibility that such proxies could constitute any threat or any power. The power of administration of Association affairs rests with the officers and your real concern should be with the nomination and election of qualified officers in whom you can safely trust this power. Your proxy is therefore not as important as your ballot.

Be sure to mark the ballot carefully and send it in promptly. Send the proxy form in only if you do not plan to attend the convention.

NOMINATIONS REPORT

The following nominations have been received for officers to be elected for the year 1949-1950. Additional nominations may be made prior to June 22, 1949. New nominations sent in after June 15 should be accompanied by written acceptance of the nominee. Nominations will close on June 22 and the ballots will be mailed about July 1. They should be marked and returned in the sealed envelope by August 15 or else delivered to the General Secretary at the convention. The July and August issues will report any nominations in addition to those reported below.

FOR PRESIDENT

M. VERNON SHELTON, Chicago, Illinois. Accepted
 Bay Cities Coin Club, Tri-Cities Coin Club, Orange County Coin Club, San Diego Numismatic Society, California State Numismatic Association, Toledo Coin Club, Brooklyn Coin Club, Wichita Coin Club, Philadelphia Coin Club, Racine Numismatic Society, Allen County Coin Club, Central States Numismatic Society, Heart of America Numismatic Association.

FOR FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

COL. JOSEPH MOSS, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Accepted
 Same nominators as those listed above for president.

FOR SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

VERNON L. BROWN, New York, New York. Declined
 Tri-Cities Coin Club, Brooklyn Coin Club.
 LEONEL C. PANOSH, San Diego, California. Accepted
 Orange County Coin Club, Bay Cities Coin Club, San Diego Numismatic Society, California State Numismatic Association, Wichita Coin Club, Racine Numismatic Society, Central States Numismatic Society, Heart of America Numismatic Association.

FOR GENERAL SECRETARY

- LEWIS M. REAGAN, Wichita, Kansas.....Accepted
Same nominators as those listed above for president.

FOR TREASURER

- GEORGE H. BLAKE, Jersey City, New Jersey.....Open
Brooklyn Coin Club.
HAROLD R. KLEIN, Hinsdale, Illinois.....Accepted
Racine Numismatic Society, Central States Numismatic Society,
Heart of America Numismatic Association.
MARTIN F. KORTJOHN, New York, N.Y.....Open
Bay Cities Coin Club.

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

(Five to be elected)

- VERNON L. BROWN, New York, New York.....Accepted
Bay Cities Coin Club, San Diego Numismatic Society, California
State Numismatic Association, Wichita Coin Club, Philadelphia
Coin Club, Central States Numismatic Society, Heart of America
Numismatic Association.
DR. CALVERT L. EMMONS, Ontario, California.....Declined
Orange County Coin Club, Bay Cities Coin Club, San Diego
Numismatic Society, California State Numismatic Association.
DR. J. HEWITT JUDD, Omaha, Nebraska.....Accepted
Tri-Cities Coin Club, Bay Cities Coin Club, San Diego Numismatic
Society, Toledo Coin Club, Brooklyn Coin Club, Wichita Coin Club,
California State Numismatic Association, Philadelphia Coin Club,
Allen County Coin Club, C.S.N.S., H.A.N.A.
M. A. POWILLS, Chicago, Illinois.....Accepted
Milwaukee Numismatic Society, Elkhart Coin Club.
C. DAVID PIERCE, Ottumwa, Iowa.....Accepted
Tri-Cities Coin Club.
CHARLES L. RUBY, Fullerton, California.....Accepted
Orange County Coin Club, Rocky Mountain Numismatic Society,
Louisville Coin Club, California State Numismatic Association,
Wichita Coin Club, Clearwater (Florida) Coin Club, H.A.N.A.
C. H. RYAN, Brooklyn, New York.....Accepted
Tri-Cities Coin Club, Toledo Coin Club, Brooklyn Coin Club,
Wichita Coin Club, Allen County Coin Club, C.S.N.S., H.A.N.A.
C. C. SHROYER, Toledo, Ohio.....Accepted
Toledo Coin Club, Allen County Coin Club, C.S.N.S.
R. S. YEOMAN, Racine, Wisconsin.....Accepted
Tri-Cities Coin Club, Bay Cities Coin Club, Toledo Coin Club,
San Diego Numismatic Society, Brooklyn Coin Club, Wichita Coin
Club, California State Numismatic Association, Philadelphia Coin
Club, Racine Numismatic Society, Milwaukee Numismatic Society,
Allen County Coin Club, C.S.N.S., H.A.N.A.

Note: Only nominations by clubs are listed above. Nominations by individuals
will be listed on final report.

C.S.N.S. — Central States Numismatic Society.

H.A.N.A. — Heart of America Numismatic Association (Kansas City).

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION HOLDS CONVENTION

The fourth semi-annual convention of the California State Numismatic Association was held in San Jose at the Hotel Sainte Claire on April 15-16-17 with 122 registrations and some 300 visitors signing the guest book.

Todo Dinero Numismatic Society of San Jose, host club, is to be congratulated for arranging an interesting series of events for the entertainment of visitors from other cities. Rudy Gjurovich, president of the club and chairman of the committee in charge was much in evidence during the convention.

The usual convention activities prevailed. First prize for members displays went to T. W. Ward of Fallbrook for his display of Roman Republican silver. Dr. C. L. Emmons of Ontario took second prize, third going to Vreeland

Fraser of La Canada and fourth to Milton C. Strauch of San Francisco.

Lewis M. Reagan, general secretary of the American Numismatic Association, was the principal speaker at the banquet on Saturday night, and Charles V. Kappen of San Jose presented a paper on "British Regal Copper and Bronze Coinage" at the Sunday luncheon.

Principal order of business at the business sessions was the election of officers, the following being elected to serve for the ensuing year: President, Ralph Mitchell; vice president, Charles D. Kiser; secretary-treasurer, Leonel C. Panosh; librarian-curator, Stewart J. Bingham; board of directors, Dr. C. L. Emmons, David L. Redfield, Charles V. Kappen, Everett Ostrom, and J. R. Stewart.

The fall convention was awarded to San Diego on the invitation of the San Diego Numismatic Society with the date to be announced.

— LEONEL C. PANOSH, Secretary

CONVENTION PLANS PROMISE VARIED ENTERTAINMENT

Chairmen are programming an arrangement of numismatic treats with every consideration for the pleasure and entertainment of all. Business sessions will reveal the winners of a spirited election of A.N.A. officials as well as many other vital matters. The 25- and 50-Year Membership Medals will be presented in person to the eligible members attending. Displays you may see only once in a lifetime will be on exhibit. The Numismatic Gallery Awards will go to the four finest of these. The bourse will house the booths of almost every prominent dealer in America, stocked with the finest and most interesting coins in existence. The auction, containing not one but several prominent collections, featuring many gems and rich in rarities, promises to be an outstanding attraction. For the first time in history, a Hollywood group plans to photograph the event in colored movies, so that later everyone attending may be able to see himself on his hometown screen.



The banquet, a scrumptious affair, will be star-studded with numismatic luminaries. Toastmasters promise to tell no jokes older than an uncirculated 1909-S VDB, and speakers will discourse on important (and short — we hope!) topics. Many other events numismatically will keep your schedule jam-packed, not to mention the many sight-seeing trips through romantic San Francisco. Topping everything will be the VISIT TO THE SAN FRANCISCO MINT. Here you will see them making those desirable S mint coins, and be given one as a souvenir!

Can you POSSIBLY afford to miss this gigantic event? Come and see your numismatic friends, and make new ones — talk numismatics — hear about numismatics — and until August 20 dream about this great numismatic galaxy. We'll see you in San Francisco August 21.

— JACK W. OGILVIE, Publicity Committee

DISTRICT SECRETARY ACTIVITY AWARD

Through the generosity of James Kelly of Dayton, Ohio, who suggested these awards and furnished the prizes, a contest among the District Secretaries of the Association was initiated this year. The period of the contest was January 1 to April 30. A first prize of a ten dollar gold piece, a second prize of a five dollar gold piece, and a third prize of a two-and-one-half dollar gold piece are to be awarded to the district secretaries most successful in obtaining new applications for membership in the Association.

Special membership campaigns were conducted by several of the district secretaries and the results were very gratifying. We extend our thanks to all those who participated in this contest, our thanks also to James Kelly for the prizes, and our congratulations to the winners.

The awards are as follows:

First Prize: EARL C. BROWN, *Chicago, Illinois.*

Second Prize: JAMES D. MILLER, *Winchester, Tennessee.*

Third Prize: CECIL B. EDWARDS, *Wichita, Kansas.*

HAROLD R. KLEIN, *Second Vice-President.*

NUMISMATIST LITERARY AWARDS

Your committee for the Numismatic Literary Awards for 1948 is happy to report and recommend the following papers in the order named for the first, second and third awards:

WILLIAM H. DILLISTIN, Paterson, New Jersey. Silver Medal
NATIONAL BANK NOTES IN THE EARLY YEARS

LAURENCE LEE HOWE, Louisville, Ky. Bronze Medal
THE BEGINNINGS OF COIN PORTRAITURE

P. K. ANDERSON, formerly of Bogota, Colombia,
now in Havana, Cuba. Bronze Medal
DATED LIST OF SPANISH RULERS, 554-1504

Your committee is likewise cognizant of the numerous other papers which have appeared in *The Numismatist* for 1948, with evidence of either scholarly application, originality or literary qualities, and is happy to recommend the following for Honorable Mention:

JOHN S. DAVENPORT, Galena, Illinois. *European Crowns, 1700-1800.*

DAYLE DEWITT, Hartford, Connecticut. *Medalets of the Presidential Campaign of 1848.*

RICHARD T. HOOBER, North Hills, Pennsylvania. *Ships on Coins and Medals.*

JACK W. OGILVIE, Hollywood, California. *The Early Members of the American Numismatic Association.*

NOEL H. VAN ROEKENS, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. *United States Paper Currency.*

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. POWILLS, *Chairman*
REVEREND EDWARD M. CATICH
PHILIP H. CHASE
DR. ALBERTO F. PRADEAU
LEWIS M. REAGAN

Obituaries

GEORGE H. CLAPP, A.N.A. 2465

The passing of George H. Clapp on March 31 at the age of ninety will bring to a wide circle of people the feeling that they have lost a good friend. It is not given to many to attain prominence in so many fields. As president of the board of trustees of the University of Pittsburgh, and its oldest living alumnus, Mr. Clapp was keenly interested in its development and especially in the Nationality Rooms which are so distinctively a feature of the great Cathedral of Learning. He served as a trustee of Carnegie Institute, a connection due in part to his specialized knowledge of conchology; the collection formed by him and presented to that museum is outstanding, and is one of its prized assets. His success in business is known to his fellow-citizens who have watched the development of the Aluminum Company of America, and who know how great was his share in its growth. That a man with so many interests could find time for numismatics will not surprise those who knew the other directions which his energy took; they will rather see an explanation of his success because of the thoroughness, precision and enthusiasm with which he pursued this as his avocation.

The fulness of years granted him enabled Mr. Clapp to watch the changes taking place in all these fields. It was indeed inspiring to hear him tell of the beginnings of his coin-collecting. Early acquisitions were made by obtaining permission from the keeper of a nearby toll bridge to examine the coppers in his till for anything unusual — an example to the beginners of our day and a hint that "where there's a will there's a way." Again and again he expressed his admiration for Crosby's "Early Coins of America," and delighted to point out how few corrections there had been in the years that have intervened since it was published in 1875. The collection of large cents which he built comes about as near to perfection as is ever permitted to human endeavor. Not only did he achieve completeness in scope, but to this were added the superlatives in quality and condition. His willingness to share the pleasure he had found is characteristic, and was expressed by him at the time his large cents were deeded to the American Numismatic Society in order that, in that museum, they might be where "anyone may consult them"; they are now among the Society's "crown jewels."

The collectors of his own generation all predeceased him — Hines, Newcomb, Wurtzbach. Of those who had aided him, Mr. Clapp always had a warm word for Mr. Proskey. It must not be thought, however, that there was anything old-fashioned in Mr. Clapp's attitude. He was quite ready to take advantage of the techniques which modern science has placed at our disposal, as was demonstrated but a few years ago by his effort to have the physicists of Pitt explore the possibilities of spectroscopic examination of the metal in coins. His publications are a model of clarity and precision. He was a member of the American Numismatic Association since 1924, of the American Numismatic Society, and of the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society of which he was the last surviving charter member (1878). The name of George H. Clapp is one which we all "delight to honor." — S.P.N.

ALDINE E. KOHLI, A.N.A. 9811

The many friends of Aldine E. Kohli, Bluffton, Ohio, will be saddened to learn of his passing on April 13, 1949. His death was due to a heart attack.

Mr. Kohli was born during November, 1883, near Bluffton, Ohio. During his lifetime he was engaged in political, insurance, and real estate work. Numismatically, he was a member of the Ohio State Numismatic Society and vice president of the Allen County Coin Club.

Active in numismatics for over 50 years, his fine collection received many awards including second place during National Coin Week in 1944. He also attended several of the A.N.A. Conventions and nearly all of the Ohio State Conventions in recent years.

He is survived by his wife, several daughters, and a number of other relatives, several of whom are A.N.A. members.

— ROBERT W. BENROTH, A.N.A. 8677

DANA C. HILL, A.N.A. 16238

On the afternoon of April 29, Dana C. Hill died of a heart attack in the office of Stuart Mosher, acting curator of numismatics, in the Smithsonian Institution.

Mr. Hill, 53, was an attorney in the Claims Division of the Justice Department. He was an active member of the Washington Numismatic Society and specialized in historical coins.

Born in Jacksonville, Ill., he took his pre-law course at Northwestern University. After serving in the infantry in World War I, he was graduated from Harvard University's Law School in 1926. He then went into the investment business in Minneapolis and remained there until the outbreak of World War II, when he re-entered the Army. He left the service in 1945 with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

During that year he became a legal consultant for the American Legion's national headquarters here. He served in that office until joining the Justice Department a year ago.

He was a member of St. Clement's Episcopal Church, Arlington.

Mr. Hill, who lived at 4623 Thirty-sixth Street South, Arlington, is survived by his widow, Mrs. Dorothy Hurlbut Hill; two daughters, Mrs. Martha H. Burger of the Thirty-sixth Street address, and Mrs. Dorothy H. Parisi, Vista, Calif.; his father, George M. Hill, Greenfield, Ill.; two sisters, Mrs. Helen F. Esler, Galesburg, Ill., and Mrs. Faith Gray, Sherrill, N.Y.; a brother, Byron Hill, Kansas City, Mo., and a grandson.

DR. RILEY D. MOORE, A.N.A. 13441

Dr. Riley D. Moore, 65, noted anthropologist, died suddenly of a stroke on April 24.

Dr. Moore came to Washington to practice osteopathy in 1912 and immediately joined the Smithsonian Institution's Department of Anthropology.

Two years later he was sent to Alaska and obtained from St. Lawrence Island an ethnological collection of more than 630 objects, which was said to be the most thorough collection of its type to come to the institution from Alaska.

Dr. Moore resigned from the institution in 1918 to devote full time to osteopathic work.

As a hobby, Dr. Moore became an expert in Chinese currency and had a collection of more than 2,000 different items, some of which dated back to prehistoric times. On the Wednesday before his death at the Mayflower Hotel he gave a lecture on Chinese currency at a meeting of the Washington Lion's Club, of which he was a charter member. He recently assisted the Smithsonian and the University of Florida in cataloging their Chinese currency collections.

Born in Cherokee, Iowa, he was graduated from an eye, ear, nose and throat school in Chicago and from Kirksville College of Osteopathy in Missouri. He practiced osteopathy in Colorado from 1907 to 1912 and was graduated from National University Law School after coming here.

Dr. Moore was a member of the A.N.A., the A.N.S., the Washington Numismatic Society, the American Osteopathic Association, American Anthropological Association and the Explorers' Club. An enthusiastic amateur magician, he was a former president of the Society of American Magicians and a member of the Brotherhoods of Magicians.

Dr. Moore lived at 3421 Brown Street N.W., and had a summer home, Machesis, Arudle-on-the-Bay, Md.

Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Ruth Collette Moore; a daughter, Mrs. Juan Yriart, whose husband is with the Uruguayan Foreign Service in Annecy, France; three brothers, Erwin T. Moore, Louisville, Ky.; Gilchrist Moore, San Francisco; and Zene Moore, Oakland, Calif., and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Thorton, Salt Lake City.

New or Recent Issues

DESCRIBED BY ERNST KRAUS

It is the important duty of *The Numismatist* to record and illustrate all new issues. Members, both in the United States and abroad, are invited to submit new issues to Ernst Kraus, Room 1702, 444 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. The coins will be photographed and returned as soon as possible. A credit line will be given to every new issue described.

Reverse: Head of Mercury to right, at left staff of Aesculap dividing date. Reeded edge.



Belgium



5 Francs, 1948. Nickel. Obverse: Head of peasant girl with crown of wheat, to left, cornucopia at right, date at left side. Reverse: Oak tree branch dividing value, crown above, BELGIE below. Reeded edge. (Imre Molnar)



100 Francs, 1948. Silver. Obverse: Conjoined heads of the four kings looking left, Leopold I., Leopold II., Albert I., Leopold III., crown above dividing date, star on the bottom. Reverse: Crowned arms dividing value BELGIE below. Reeded edge.

Costa Rica



2 Colones, 1948. Copper Nickel. Obverse: Arms, inscription, date below. Reverse: Value in wreath, inscription: America Central, above, below B.N. C.R. initials for the National Bank of Costa Rica. The last coin of this value was struck in gold and dated 1928. (William L. Clark)



50 Francs, 1948. Silver. Obverse: Lion with tablets of law, value below.

Curacao



1 Shilling, 1947. Copper Nickel. Similar. The above coins are replacing the earlier silver ones of 18 and 9 Piastres respectively. (S. V. Hagley, I. Mertik)

1/10 Guilder, 1948. Silver. Older head of the Queen left, inscription: WILHELMINA KONINGIN DER NEDERLANDEN. Reverse: Inscription: Munt van Curacao, value, date and mintmark for Utrecht.



5 Cent, 1948. Copper Nickel. Obverse: Orange branch in inner circle, inscription around: Munt van Curacao. Ornate border. Reverse: Value in centre, dividing date, surrounded by ornaments.

(I. Mertik, S. J. Curiel, District Secretary who generously donated the above to the A.N.A. Collection.)

Cyprus



2 Shilling, 1947. Copper Nickel. Obverse: Crowned head of King, left. Inscription: GEORGIUS VI. DEI GRATIA REX ET IND. IMP. Reverse: Arms, inscription: TWO CYPRUS SHILLINGS, date below.



100 Korun, 1948. Silver. Obverse: Arms, inscription. Reverse: Youth holding flag and branch of linden tree, dates 1918 and 1948 on sides, 100 below for value. This coin commemorates the 30th anniversary of its liberation from Austrian rule. (Paul F. Klaasesz, Irving Mertik)



Germany (Western Zone)



1 Pfennig, 1948. Copper plated steel. Obverse: Oak leaves, surrounded by inscription: BANK DEUTSCHER LANDER. Date below. Reverse: Mint mark G for Karlsruhe between two ears of wheat, value below. (Vernon L. Brown, K. Falkenberg, F. Sternberg)

(To be continued)

Notes & Queries

Dies of Lincoln Medals Discovered

Collectors of Lincolniana will be interested in the recent discovery of three campaign medals of the Civil War era. Two of the medals are companion pieces measuring one and one-half inches in size from the campaign of 1860. One pictures a bust of Lincoln without beard and the inscription "Abraham Lincoln of Illinois for President." The other illustrates Douglas with the inscription "Stephen A. Douglas of Illinois for President." At the lower edge of the shoulder appears the name of the die maker, "True."

The third medal of one and one-fourth inch size is from the campaign of 1864. Lincoln with beard appears on this die with the inscription "Abraham Lincoln for President, 1864."

A.N.A. member W. M. Winter, 529 Shroyer Road, Dayton 9, Ohio, has struck a number of specimens from the three dies. The words "This coin struck from original die" appears on the reverse to show that they are restrikes. These are being made available to collectors, subject to the life of the dies, at \$1 each for the 1860 campaign medals and .75 each for the 1864 medal.

Illustrated Lecture Available on Colonial Coins and Paper Money

M. Vernon Sheldon announces that the Edward T. Newell Committee for the Extension of Numismatic Knowledge is now prepared to release to District Secretaries and Affiliated Clubs an illustrated treatise on Colonial Coins and Paper Money. Dedicated to J. N. Spiro, who supplied the script and arranged the continuity, the lecture treats our early currencies in a synoptic and interesting fashion. Our Colonial and State paper currencies are illustrated with 46 slides. Colonial and State Coinages are illustrated with 37 slides.

All coin clubs would do well by arranging for the loan of this lecture during the next year or so. It will provide a full hour of instructive entertainment for every member and should prove especially interesting to non-collectors who are invited to attend meetings in celebration of important events or anniversaries.

For further information and definite arrangements write to M. Vernon Sheldon, 451 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago 14, Illinois.

NOTES OF THE TRADE

Hans Schulman returning from a recent trip to Europe reports that the coin business is on the upswing there. He attended a sale conducted by his cousin Jacques Schulman in Amsterdam found "Prices satisfactory and the bidding 'hectic.'" J. Schulman plans to reprint the Grogan catalogue of Portuguese colonial coins. With list of prices realized it will be available at \$4.

A 44-page *Price List of U.S. Coins, Paper Money, and Accessories* has been issued by Bebee Stamp & Coin Company, 1180 East 63rd St., Chicago 37, Illinois. It sells at 15 cents a copy.

Henry Evanson of Belchertown, Mass., has been added to the staff of the United States stamp department of Tatham Stamp & Coin Company, Springfield, Mass. Henry has been collecting stamps and coins for quarter of a century and knows all the answers.

Bullowa's Coin List appears as regular as clockwork every month. It's \$1 a year and each issue offers some special bargains. Dave's address is 37 South 18th Street, Philadelphia 3, Penna.

Fixed Price List No. 44 has just been issued by Stack's of 12 West 46th St., New York City 19, N. Y. It is a 24-page listing of U.S., Ancient, and Foreign coins plus almost a complete listing of Fractional Currency. Sent free on receipt of stamp.

Numismatic Gallery Monthly is still free for the asking. In addition to a wide variety of numismatic material the editors (the two A.K.'s) dish up a page or so of breezy news and comments. The address is 8943 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, California.

Likable Charles M. Wormser, operator of the coin department of the Scott Stamp and Coin Company, Inc., recently returned from a trip to Europe, where he visited England, France, and Switzerland. Charles visited many coin dealers there and collectors can well anticipate some choice offerings within the near future.

Wants Information on Four Issues

Dear Mr. Mosher:

I have noted with greatest interest recent efforts of various collectors to obtain, through the columns of *The Numismatist*, some concrete data on just how rare certain coins may be. All of which served to remind me that I have some on which I'd appreciate such data myself.

I would particularly like a line on how many U. S. silver dollars of 1794 are known to exist, and how fine or boldly struck these known ones may be. My own specimen, as far as I can ascertain from the limited number of descriptions at my command, may well be the fourth, or even the third, finest one in existence, but without much more complete information I naturally can't be at all too sure of this.

Also, I have a bronze proof of the 1876 Centennial "dollar" issued by the State of Nevada, and I've never been able to find even a single listing of the existence of this, although the silver slugs show up with a fair degree of frequency.

How about the known specimens of foreign coins counterstamped by Polhemus, the druggist of Sacramento, California, particularly in silver dollar sizes? And the silver "dollar" slugs issued by Montana at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1933. Neither of these seem recognized as rarities, but try and find one of either.

I would greatly appreciate information on any of the coins mentioned.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL J. A. MOLONY
7904 Woodrow Wilson Drive
Hollywood 46, California

Looted Coins Being Offered

Gilbert S. Perez, Manila, P.I., reports that some of the rare coins stolen from collections in the Philippines during the war years are now being offered in the United States. The looted coins offered include the rare Manila piece of 1830, the Vargas issue of 1813 with two countermarks, and the famous countermarked United States silver dollar of 1794, stolen from the St. Tomas Museum.

Dealers and collectors should be on the lookout for these coins, for they are definitely "hot" and can be readily identified by the original owners.

Fathers' Night in Rochester

The progressive members of the Rochester Junior Numismatic Association entertained their fathers to a numismatic treat on the night of March 18. There were 24 members and 18 visitors present. Eight of the members gave short talks on their favorite subjects and then the main speakers of the evening, George J. Bauer and Floyd Newell, took over. Using slides they illustrated and described many coins of artistic and historical interest.



Standing from left to right, Jim O'Brien and Joe Buggie. Seated, Dr. Elmer W. O'Brien and E. J. Buggie.

UR Names Newell Numismatic Curator

Floyd B. Newell has been appointed honorary curator of the numismatic collections of the University of Rochester Library, John R. Russell, librarian, announced yesterday. Newell is curator and former president of the Rochester Numismatic Society. As a hobby he has made colored slides of more than 5,500 coins. He will supervise the arrangement and care of the Joseph T. Alling collection of Greek and Roman coins, the Joseph Speicher collection of Chinese currency, the Adelbert P. Little collection of United States money, and the university's general medal collection.

From the *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*, April 27, 1949.

ARE WE READY FOR IT?

Having recently attempted to complete a small collection of foreign commemoratives and sets, the above question has come to my mind from time to time in connection with this phase and series of numismatics. I am of the sincere opinion that the above mentioned coins are to be the numismatic items of tomorrow and for the several reasons that I will attempt to explain in the following paragraphs.

The average American numismatist collects only United States coins and for the following reasons: Available supply through circulation and dealer stocks, for proper housing facilitating display and personal satisfaction, and the ready market for the immediate sale or exchange of duplicates. With this in mind, don't you think we are overlooking a tremendous future and injuring the hobby by not enlarging it to include the foreign field in a more encouraging manner?

Current foreign sets are not expensive today, even in the choicest condition and foreign commemoratives are some of the most beautiful pieces of art yet produced as a medium of exchange, yet how many American dealers can supply the most simple wants in this line or even stock them except as they reach the dealer through broken collections or odds and ends of foreign lots purchased at a bargain for one or two items which do enjoy current demand or market. It must here be admitted that many of today's foreign issues are of metals with no intrinsic value but this aspect should change as soon as the economic conditions of the world become more stable.

When the American collector realizes the available variety of foreign commemoratives, already somewhat difficult to secure in choice condition, and considers the stalemate which has occurred in this American series, I feel certain that these items are destined to be the gems of the future. A few specific coins that could be mentioned in this connection are the Austrian and German Empire and Republic commemorative series, the Swiss commemoratives and Shooting Festival coins, the Brazilian commemoratives in minor metals, are among the many others which today can be completed in choice condition and at not too great a cost. In some instances, these series have been discontinued due to the disintegration of an Empire or Republic.

If we are ready for it — and from the recommendations of the United Nations Monetary Fund, the standardization arrangements of measurements being contemplated by the British and American nations, the move by the South African Republic to convert from pounds to dollars, and the Atlantic Pact — it will not be too many years hence when this will be one world, with one monetary system, as it must be if peace is to be permanent for our children's children.

Have you asked yourself this question as I have, "What can we do to stimulate this foreign coin interest and enlarge the field to the average American collector?" Several far-sighted numismatists are knowingly or unknowingly helping this movement such as those responsible for the recent publication of an *International Coin Catalogue*, the "New or Recent Issues" section in *The Numismatist*, the "Current Coins of the World" articles appearing in *The Numismatic Scrapbook*, as well as the *Foreign Premium Price List* which made its introduction recently.

First, we must secure an available supply and this can be done as several dealers are attempting to do, that is by bringing in the Canadian, the Mexican, the South African, and other series, where mints will cooperate and where imports are not too greatly restricted at the present time by limitations set forth in foreign laws.

Next, we must provide proper housing for these series as some dealers are doing with printed albums and pages, and as other dealers would greatly enlarge the numismatic fraternity should they follow this excellent example. This new move by dealers in printing albums and pages to house the Canadian, Newfoundland, Great Britain, and Mexican coins is the finest move made recently in the proper direction. Can you visualize the demand by foreign collectors who have been waiting for years for such an album or page in which to house a series as well as the interest developed among American collectors who wish to exchange American coins or collect a foreign series and who were unable to house these for proper display in sequence except with 2x2 envelopes, inserts, or blocks? What would a popular priced album arranged and printed to house the Brazilian commemoratives do to that series? The answer is

fairly simple since most of us remember what happened to the Lincoln cent when dealers first hit the market with boards and pages thereby developing the greatest boom the hobby has ever experienced and increasing our membership and interests twofold. It can be granted that the problem of housing foreign coins will not be completely solved by using albums and boards: this feature can best be left to the likes and dislikes of the individual collector; but if such inexpensive boards, not necessarily offering protection but convenience, were available to the beginner, his interests in the foreign series would be greatly increased.

Finally, we come to the ready market, a problem which would solve itself if American stocks were replenished and kept filled with demand current foreign series material. Through correspondence, trade journals, auction and price lists, and exchange among collectors and dealers the world over, our foreign collectors would become encouraged to fill their albums of United States coins and you and I would be just as interested in completing our Danish, Swiss, or South African sets.

We hold the world's lead in the numismatic field as can be attested by the fact that Raymond's 19th and 20th Century editions are the only *Coins of the World* catalogues available from any foreign dealer's price list. Let's keep it thus and if possible move ahead of the philatelic fraternity which reached its pinnacle by embracing the foreign field. This, we must also do if we are to grow and if we are ready for it. I feel these few listed suggestions can be elaborated a thousand-fold making us such a great international fraternity that one day we will ask ourselves why we waited so long to make this move.

I think we are ready for it, do you?

— JOSEPH NEPOTE, A.N.A. 9996
Mexico, Missouri

San Francisco is opening up that GOLDEN GATE!

For the 1949 A. N. A. Convention — August 21 to 24.

Hotel accommodations and a well-balanced program are being arranged by experts for your individual pleasure.

**Well — what are you waiting for?
Plan NOW to attend!**

Iowa Coins Net State \$197,585

As one of his last official acts before leaving public office next Thursday, Gov. Blue has created the Iowa Centennial Memorial Foundation with the net profit from the sale of 99,999 centennial half-dollars that were coined and issued in observance of the state's 100th birthday in 1946. The profit amounted to \$197,585.

We want to say now that we think the creation of this foundation by executive order, through authority granted him by congress, is one of the wisest, most forward-looking moves the governor has made in public life. In our opinion it is a move that Iowans will be thanking him for years from now, long after everything else he ever did has been forgotten.

For the governor has provided that the income from the fund shall be used, first, to provide scholarships or loans to students in Iowa educational institutions to encourage them to enter fields of public service; secondly, to recognize and encourage outstanding service by Iowa citizens in the fields of science, medicine, law, religion, social welfare, education, agriculture and government; and, thirdly, to provide historical exhibits for use by the state department of history and archives in Des Moines and the state historical society at Iowa City.

We think that's a noble contribution on the governor's part. We think, too, that he was wise in providing that only 50 percent of the income may be spent until the principal sum has reached \$500,000. It was wise, too, that he provided places for state officers, all former governors and four laymen on the board which will administer the fund.

From the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*,
April 17, 1949.

Philippines to Redeem War Currency

Recently a bill appeared in the Philippine legislature calling for redemption of the emergency currencies issued by the Philippine National Bank and others under the authority of General Douglas MacArthur. Over P24,000,000 wartime guerrilla currencies are to be redeemed in full but the postwar issues will be subject to large discounts on all amounts over P100. This discrimination is due to the speculation among the later issues. The cost of these redemptions will amount to P50,000,000 of which P40,000,000 will be settled by the U.S. Army.

The Editor's Corner

Release of One Dollar U.S. Note

Something new in the monthly circulation statement appeared last November when some \$400,000 in one dollar United States Notes were placed in circulation. This is the first definite placement of these notes in the hands of the public since 1924, when the large size Notes of the Series of 1923 were last issued.

Since November, additional quantities have been issued; 500,000 in January and 400,000 more in February. The most recent total is now 1,870,000, all of the Series of 1928, with facsimile signatures of Woods and Woodin. A few of these one dollar green backs are held by collectors who were formerly able to obtain them from the Treasury. Some forty thousand were thus given out since their issue in 1933.

According to Mr. E. F. Bartelt, Fiscal Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, these one dollar notes were printed in 1933 when there was an apparent need due to prevailing currency shortage. The shortage having been met with Silver Certificates, the U.S. Notes were held in the vaults and no general issue was made until a few months ago, when in view of the heavy seasonal demand for \$1 bills, the Treasury decided to issue this stock. As a matter of economy it saved some \$19,000, the cost of printing a like amount of Silver Certificates.

All of these one dollar U.S. Notes have been shipped to Puerto Rico for circulation there. They were thus placed "to avoid as much as possible the intermingling of such notes with outstanding Silver Certificates of this denomination." Mr. Bartelt points out that "new currency is channelled into Puerto Rico through very few points so the circulation of these notes will be held to a minimum in the United States. This will simplify redemption problem."

Collectors will recall that in 1895 there were three kinds of dollar notes in circulation, and again in 1919, we had three types in general use. Today the Treasury is desirous of simplifying their work by keeping note types at a minimum.

We are grateful to Mr. Bartelt for the information.

ROBERT H. LLOYD, ANA 3024
North Tonawanda, New York
April 1, 1949

Patron of All Coin Collectors

Dear Mr. Mosher:

I enclose a picture of a gilded wood figure I picked up in China — a figure that I think goes well with my collection of Chinese coins.



This figure is a Chinese Taoist demon-god holding aloft a gilded "cash" coin in his right hand and a stack of silver "shoes" in his left. He is my nominee as a patron for all coin collectors. Although he collects for different reasons, he is perhaps our highest ranking numismatist.

His name I do not know but I have seen his figure in Chinese temples where he represents the power that eventually takes away the wealth of those who obtained it by dishonest means. He must have quite a collection!

Sincerely,

HARRY W. ATKINSON
Lt. Col., USAF
ANA 12492

A.N.A. Officials Entertained

Members of the Wichita Coin club held a dinner meeting April 21 in honor of three visiting officers of the American Numismatic Association. They were Loyd B. Gettys, president, M. Vernon Sheldon, first vice president, and Richard S. Yeoman, a member of the board of governors. All three spoke on their specialties, paper money, ancients and colonial coins of the United States, respectively. Lewis M. Reagan, general secretary, and past president of the host club, and Ted Hammer, librarian, vice president of the club, also were present. H. G. Spore, president, welcomed the visitors. The officers visited the general secretary's office preceding the dinner, and viewed the library at Hammer's home after the dinner.

SOME FUN SAN FRANCISCO

I hesitate to tell you about what I've got in mind. — You'll want to stay a few days longer — you'll not have reservations — you'll get mad at me or someone else — but if you insist — I'll tell you where there's fun to be found in San Francisco.

You needn't go farther than the Palace Hotel — but if you go astray, there's Fisherman's Wharf with fine food at Joe Dimaggio's or Torrentino's. Omar Khayyam's for Armenian food or Pierre's for French dishes can't be beat. Italian food at Monaco or Vanessis'; German cooking at Schroeders or The Shadow's atop Nob Hill. La Fiesta gives you Spanish and Tortola Mexican. Alfred's steaks will



remind you of Gallagher's and Trader Vic's is the nearest to Don the Beachcomber for Chinese dishes.

The Top o' the Mark is the most popular place in town for cocktails, for, from this vantage point atop Nob Hill you see all of San Francisco. A little swank? — OK bud! — The Orchid Room of the St. Francis or the Circus Lounge at the Fairmont. Celebrities congregate at the Persian Room of the Sir Francis Drake.

You're not satisfied? You want more for your money? Tell you what I'm gonna do! Tell you 'bout the Barbary Coast (Tell him in private. Ed) There you go Stu — Censored! !! OK try Pacific Street. And famed Chinatown, world renowned. "Hey dis is some place. I tink I'm gonna go to San Francisco myself" says I, as I shut this pamphlet. See you there!

A (GOURMET) K.

P.S.: This United Nations cook's tour is also approved, indorsed and sanctioned by the other half of the O K Boys.

J (GOOD-TIME) O

Fifteenth Anniversary Celebrated

In celebration of the 15th Anniversary of the founding of the Westchester County Coin Club, 35 members, their wives and guests were in attendance at a dinner held at the Town Tavern, Bronxville, N. Y.

Guest speakers for the evening included Dr. Leland Howard, Assistant Director of the Mint who flew from Washington, D. C., for the occasion and Vernon L. Brown, A.N.A. Governor and Curator of the internationally famous Chase National Bank Coin Collection.

Kenneth L. E. Marsden, Librarian, acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Following interesting talks by both speakers, members and their guests exhibited "favorite coins" and each added brief descriptions which rounded out a very enjoyable evening for all.

Original Mint Site Sold

Collectors will be interested in learning that the site of the United States Mint erected in 1793 at Filbert Street in Philadelphia was recently sold. The site was part of the estate of the late Frank H. Stewart and has been purchased by an undisclosed party.

— *The Evening Bulletin*,
Philadelphia — April 8, 1949

Department of Odds and Ends

Three of our best club secretaries agree 100 per cent with J. Rex Woodford's comments regarding Club Reports which appeared on page 187 of the March issue. One secretary suggests that the entire section be condensed and written in the same style as is Odds and Ends. It is a tempting experiment but we doubt the wisdom of it—at this time anyway. . . . Whatever happened to those collectors who once were interested in minor differences in the size of the letters and dates on minor coins! Only an infinitesimal proportion of such varieties appears in catalogues on United States coins, and with the exception of the "small motto" on the 2-cent piece of 1864, very little difference is ever placed on such minor varieties. Wonder what would happen if our cataloguers dropped this microscopic listing?

Coin dealers we have visited during the last eight months have complained of the shortage of rarities in the United States series. Their stocks of foreign crowns and gold coins were usually limited, and very few of them had any quantity of worthwhile foreign coins.

Rarely a day passes but when a few ex-GI's do not bring small collections of foreign coins to the Smithsonian Institution for identification. Usually they "picked them up" while overseas. Occasionally they bought them as "antiques" and those who did usually paid a lot more than they were worth. So far, out of perhaps 1,000 small accumulations, not a single piece of any especial value has been discovered. Nevertheless, these boys are potential coin collectors and if they show a single spark of interest we try to encourage them for we feel that the real value of a coin is what you get by owning, rather than selling it.

The late Dr. Riley C. Moore whose article on Chinese coins appeared in the May issue of *The Numismatist*, did his share for National Coin Week by putting on a fine exhibit and giving a talk on Chinese coins before the members of the Washington Lion's Club. Commenting on the fast-growing number of "national weeks," Dr. Moore put forth the claim that National Coin Week was the only "week" that didn't try to separate you from your coin.

Judging from the almost complete silence of owners of rarities we are inclined to believe they do not wish to be publicized. Anyway, F. H.

Shumway reports that the Appleton collection now in the Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, contains a genuine 1804 silver dollar and other rarities that he will report at a later date. Several collectors have pointed out to us that one of the two 1804 silver dollars in the National Coin Collection appears to have been struck over a foreign dollar size coin. The unique IMMUNE COLUMBIA 1785 piece in gold in the National Coin Collection is struck over a 1775 guinea of George III.

Arque Bays reports that little Barbara Vaughan of South Charleston discovered a bright dime of 1943 in her Easter egg. Her parents said the shell had never been cracked. No, Barbara! That wasn't a miracle, nor did the hen swallow the dime especially for your Easter surprise. It was placed there while the partly formed egg had a soft shell. . . .

John D. Frates, Brockton, Mass., has been doing much good numismatic missionary work. He has given many coin talks before veterans' organizations and service clubs and now finds that he is in demand as a "professional lecturer." John recently spent the best part of a day examining the U. S. National Coin Collection in the Smithsonian Institution. . . . Arlie Slabaugh is the papa of a beautiful baby girl, Kathryn Eloise, 3 kilogram, 330 grams, born April 30. This is the number one in his collection.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Shumway of Dedham, Mass., made a brief stop at the Smithsonian Institution while on a pleasure trip to Washington. Mr. Shumway who is ANA Life Member No. 13, has been collecting coins for 57 years and during that time has owned every United States coin except the 1804 silver dollar. What is more, his were all in uncirculated condition. It was he who first discovered the famous 1799 large cent that was later to sell for the sum of \$2,500. Mr. Shumway got it in a trade in Boston, later sold it to Elmer Sears who in turn sold it to Henry C. Hines of Newark, New Jersey.

Those collectors who weary of collecting United States mint marks should switch over to the Roman field. There they will find a gold mine of interesting facts and, despite their age, Roman mint marked coins are well within the reach of every collector. Little if any differences in value is accorded the different mint marks but this is a situation that won't last forever. Wise collectors

will get them while the getting is good.

During the last several months, five bills for commemorative half dollars have been introduced in Congress and subsequently referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency. This committee is very much opposed to commemorative issues especially designed to raise funds for the purpose of underwriting celebrations or for entertaining visiting firemen. . . . Seventy-five requests for commemorative stamps have been introduced before Congress. By the time you read this the requests will be well over 100.

Junior Membership Drive

The Grand Rapids Coin Club, Grand Rapids, Michigan, recently began a drive to add junior members to their club roster. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Camp Fire Girls interested in numismatics and living in the Grand Rapids area are especially invited to join.

Many coin clubs have junior and senior divisions. To start their junior division growing the Grand Rapids group has offered free memberships and collection folders to the first dozen collectors, aged 12 to 16, to join the club.

The first junior collector to join was Barbara Jean Yurkinas, niece of A. J. Urban, club secretary. Other juniors interested in joining should contact him at his address, 749 Van Buren N. W., Grand Rapids 4, Michigan.

The Duke a "Swell Guy"

Dear Sir:

Received my copy of *The Numismatist* today, February 7, and in reading the article, "The Duke Accepted Tradition," brought to my mind that while I resided in Colorado Springs I received many souvenirs from the then "Prince of Wales." Shortly after his Coronation he sent me one of the 12-sided three-penny pieces of 1937.

I still correspond with the Duke occasionally and he's a swell guy.

ROBERT W. BROWN, A.N.A. 8544
Los Angeles, California



REPORT OF THE MIDWEST COIN CONFERENCE

The Midwest Coin Conference which was held at Kansas City, Missouri, on April 23 and 24 with the Heart of America Numismatic Association as host turned out to be one of the finest sectional meetings held anywhere. While the Midwest Coin Conference at one time was merely a Missouri State meeting, the name was changed last year so as to include the entire Midwest and thus give numismatists in this area a chance to participate in a so-called convention and meet others whom they might never have a chance to meet.

As it turned out, our meeting was exactly what we had hoped it would be; it was a really Midwest conference. We had collectors from Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, meaning that all states in this immediate midwest area were represented. Over 200 persons registered during the two-day meeting and many new members were added to the A.N.A. membership.

The Midwest Coin Conference which was held at the Pickwick Hotel began with the arrival of a large delegation of "early birds" on Friday night at which time a "bull session" was held until a rather late hour. Early Saturday morning the cases were set up and all Committees were given final instructions and by 10:00 a.m. registrations were ready to begin and displays were ready to be

placed. Forty cases were filled with displays, with four cases holding the 100 choice auction lots and four cases were used for the dealers' Bourse tables.

The display room was a large spacious room which was very light during the day and arrangements were made to have it especially well-lighted at night and we were told that it was one of the best lighted rooms seen in many years at any convention. All told, four rooms were used for our meeting including the banquet room. The banquet which was attended by 80 people was truly enjoyed by all. It began with a turkey dinner and with a strolling accordianist supplying music, mostly request numbers, for one full hour during the entire dinner hour. Following the banquet dinner entertainment was furnished by a boys' quartet from Southeast High School and they really did a bang-up job of singing and entertaining; a boy harmonica player concluded the musical part of our entertainment. After the entertainment all the prominent personalities present were introduced but no speeches were made; then came the drawing of the Door Prizes of which there were a seemingly endless number. The finale of the banquet was the awarding of the Ribbon awards for best displays with Lewis M. Reagan, one of the judges, announcing the winners.

First Place was awarded to Charles C. Stump for his outstanding display of currency which consisted of Odd Numbers and Errors, plus one of the finest known notes in existence on the GOLD BANK of San Francisco. The Errors consisted of both human and mechanical errors. His display caused an unusual amount of comment all through the meeting.

Second Place was awarded to James E. McNees for an unusual display of Odd and Curious money of the World, which was so attractively displayed as to cause unusual comments from everyone seeing it.

Third Place went to William Knapp for a complete Type set in all denominations, either uncirculated or proof, plus a Birth Year set of coins. Fourth place ribbon went to Terry Cassidy, in the name of the Juniors who made an attractive display from the collection of the H.A.N.A.

The auction of 100 choice selected lots began at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday night in a room especially reserved for this occasion and was very well attended. All coins were sold on the floor and the bidding was very spirited and all lots brought exceptionally good prices. George G. Paris, the H.A.N.A. official auctioneer, began the auction, was relieved by Tom Higgins, who in turn was relieved by Mr. Carl Lounsberry, with Mr. Paris concluding the auction.

The Midwest Coin Conference is becoming well-known for innovations at its meetings, when last year it had for the very first time a Junior Committee which really functioned; this year the Junior Committee again functioned. This year, again claiming a first, the Midwest Coin Conference had one room (we preferred to call it the Ladies' Lounge) especially reserved for the ladies in attendance, with one of our Ladies Reception Committee always on hand to be of service. This Ladies' Lounge made a tremendous hit with all ladies who were present.

While we had anticipated a larger attendance, we were very well pleased particularly for the fact that we had a great many rather distant members of the A.N.A. who never had the privilege of attending any kind of a numismatic convention and who stated many times over that they considered the time and money *very well spent*.

All Midwest officers of the A.N.A. were present at our meeting, namely, Loyd B. Gettys, M. Vernon Sheldon, Lewis M. Reagan, Harold Klein, Richard Yeoman, Dr. J. Hewitt Judd. Our only regret was that Al Wick, District Secretary for Eastern Missouri and co-chairman for the Midwest Coin Conference, only ten days before the conference fell and broke his back and he and his family had to miss the splendid meeting which had been prepared for him and the St. Louis delegation.

We, here in the Heart of America, the cross-roads of the world — we, in Missouri, the Show Me State — tried hard to show all of you just what we could do and I firmly believe that all who attended left with a feeling that we did a job very well and those of you who did not make plans to attend missed out on one of the finest little meetings ever held anywhere.

— HERBERT E. ROWOLD, General Chairman, Midwest Coin Conference



Southeastern Numismatic Association Promotes Numismatics

The Southeastern Numismatic Association, Jacksonville, Florida, appears to be a live-wire organization that is second to none. The usual active meetings of the club were enlivened even further by the presence of Loyd B. Gettys, president of the A.N.A., during the meeting of April 9th. Shown above are several of those attending. Reading right to left they are Edward Gordon, S.N.A. editor; Bill Nolting, manager, Seminole Hotel; Loyd B. Gettys, president A.N.A.; Leon B. Forbes, president S.N.A.; J. P. H. DePass, treasurer S.N.A.; James P. McNeil, manager Mutual Life of New York; Wm. J. Petermann, recording secretary S.N.A.; Harold Colee, executive vice president Florida State Chamber of Commerce and district secretary A.N.A.

The S.N.A. has done excellent work with the Boy Scouts, schools, and underprivileged children through donations of numismatic material to these groups for the purpose of educating youth on thrift, the meaning of money, and the hobby of coin collecting.

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Applicants for Membership

The following applications were received in April, 1949. If there are no objections filed prior to July 1, 1949, these applicants will become members on that date and notice to this effect will appear in the August issue.

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- 17520 **C. Edward Sturm**, 1191 McKinley Ave., Akron 6, Ohio. U. S. General. Mrs. Anna Mae Patrick.
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- 17522 **Bernard A. Labuskes**, 303 Raymond St., Pittsburgh 18, Pa. General. Arthur Sipe.
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Reports of Club Meetings

SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE: Reports should be made promptly. Copy must be received by the 7th of the month to insure insertion in the following month's issue. As a usual thing a copy of the minutes is sent in, and almost invariably a number of items of local concern only must be cancelled. The justification for publishing these accounts lies in the numismatic information - and encouragement - to be derived by collectors generally, regardless of location. On this basis we feel it advisable to revise and condense, and, incidentally, the by-product of this course is conservation of valuable space.

ALBANY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — The 236th meeting was called to order by President Corrie at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, at the Albany Institute of History and Art. There were twenty-one members in attendance.

After the reports of the various committees, our annual election was held and the following officers were elected for the coming year: J. E. Gratton, president; T. Eising, Jr., 1st vice president; E. R. Fainilli, 2nd vice president; Anna M. Imfeld, secretary-treasurer.

As the program for the evening, Jim Lobinger brought in his fine collection of broken bank notes and gave us a very interesting talk.

— ANNA M. IMFELD, Secretary

ATLANTA COIN CLUB — The 364th meeting was held April 7 at the Henry Grady Hotel. E. P. Morgan called the meeting to order with members and 9 visitors present.

Mr. Morgan introduced our distinguished visitor, President Loyd Gettys of the A.N.A., who talked to us about the National Clubs Association — Its Aims or Objectives, with special emphasis on creating a numismatic textbook and establishing a numismatic agency in Washington, D.C. He also offered suggestions on how an individual club could help its own city and state by establishing a speakers bureau — to enlighten folks near at hand about Coins. Mr. Gettys concluded his interesting talk by leaving this thought in our minds — "Collecting Coins as a Hobby Keeps One Young." Mr. Gettys added to his talk with comments on interesting large bills and displayed nice complete Type Sets of Quarters, Half Dollars, and \$20 Gold Pieces.

— VIRGINIA SURRY, Secretary

BALTIMORE COIN CLUB — The regular meeting was the 14th Annual Banquet held at the Stafford Hotel on Saturday, March 19. A total of 61 members and guests attended. There was no regular business and the program was in the hand of our toastmaster, John R. Sheckells, who again volunteered for this task. The banquet was opened with an invocation by our fellow-member, Rev. Arthur L. Hunter. One of the finest turkey dinners that we have ever had was then served and it was well enjoyed by all those who were present.

Toastmaster Sheckells introduced our principal speaker for the evening, David M. Bullowa of Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Bullowa, in his address, told us some very interesting information as to the design of our modern coins in comparison to those that were made in the ancient days. His talk was very interesting and was enjoyed by everyone present.

Next on the program, a one-hour entertainment was given by Arthur Tewes, master of ceremonies, and his entertainers.

Mr. Bullowa had on exhibit Swedish copper plate money, 4 and 2 daler, China sycee, 10, 5 and 1 tael, Tiberius aureus, Tribute Penny Type, Dime and Denarius of Rome, Quarter Dollar and Galba Colonial issue, Silver Dollar and Egyptian Tetradrachm, Silver Dollar in relief, Quarter Dollar, Theodore Roosevelt in relief, eight Gold Eagle size coins of Poland, Malta, Spain, U.S.A., Portugal, Wurttemberg, Romania and Chile.

Mr. Heiserman had on exhibit a complete set of Austrian Republic Commemoratives two shilling pieces, a complete set of Switzerland Shooting Festival Coins and 10 and 5 Franc pieces of Geneva.

This brought to a close the fourteenth Annual Banquet of the Baltimore Coin Club as all good things must come to an end sooner or later. The banquet was well enjoyed by everyone present.

— ELMER A. SCHMIDT,
Secretary-Treasurer

BIRMINGHAM COIN CLUB — The 50th regular monthly meeting was held March 15 in the auditorium of the White Dairy Company with 13 members and one visitor present.

H. E. Watkins was voted into membership of the club.

Mrs. Opal Morris was elected custodian of all books, pamphlets, old records, auction catalogues, etc. She was delegated the task of classifying this material and distributing it as she deemed best. Quite a few of the books have been sent to the public library already.

The program for the evening was on Roosevelt dimes. Mrs. Opal Morris and F. J. Plosser gave interesting talks on Roosevelt dimes.

At the conclusion of the program, Mrs. Opal Morris read a very good poem entitled "Are You an Active Member, or Do You Just Belong?"

— O. L. HURTT, JR., Secretary

BRONX COIN CLUB — The 187th meeting was held on Wednesday, March 23, at the Concourse Plaza Hotel, beginning with a dinner served at 7:00 p.m. The business part of the meeting began about an hour later under the chairmanship of President Engel. Twenty-eight members and five guests were in attendance.

It was announced that at a recent meeting of the board of governors a unanimous decision was reached to forbid any solicitations of the club or its members of any kind and for any purpose and to ignore any solicitations made.

A program committee was appointed consisting of Mr. Sghia, as chairman, and Messrs. Clark, Kortjohn, Wagner and Engel.

Topics for the current meeting were the U.S. peace dollars, coins of Soviet Russia and of countries beginning with the letter R, except Russia, contemporary with Jewish numismatic items and orders and decorations of Great Britain to the end of World War I. Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Bellus: Sets of coins from Eire and Palestine; British victory and service medals.

Mr. Blake: Gold plated five cent piece of 1883 with reeded edge and with a monogram on the reverse.

Mr. Carpenter: 34 British war medals.

Mr. Clark: Type set of Soviet Russia, complete except for gold.

Mr. Downing: Enlarged photographs of the wreath type cents of 1793.

Mr. Engel: Trade dollars from 1876 to 1880, U.S. peace dollars and four Palestine coins.

Mr. English: Half rouble of U.S.S.R.

Mr. Erlanger: 1625 half taler of Nuremberg, thirteen Nuremberg medals between 1717 and 1926.

Mr. Gallo: Four coins of Roman Republic from 1798 and 1799.

Mr. Girolamo: 35 Roumanian coins, 45 Soviet Russian coins, one lira of 1947 of Turkey and several peace dollars.

Mr. Grunthal: Brandenburg ducat of 1692 struck from Guinea gold.

Mr. Kemm: Complete set of peace dollars.

Mrs. Knobloch: Concentration and work camp money of Austria, Germany and Italy.

Mr. Kortjohn: Complete set of Peace dollars, 139 different coins of Soviet Russia.

Mr. Kroner: U.S. half cent of 1855, one balboa of Panama.

Mr. Maley: Gold 12½ lei and silver 200 lei of Roumania, tremissis of Constantius of Rome.

Mr. Marsicano: Coins of Soviet Russia and Roumania, peace dollars of 1922-S and 1923 and new acquisitions.

Mr. Novick: Coins of Roumania and of the Soviet Union, trade dollar and peace dollar.

Mr. Picker: Half cent of 1794, trade dollar 1874-CC, peace dollars 1921 to 1935.

Mr. Rice: 1, 2, 5 and 10 bani coins of Roumania, two heller pieces of Regensburg.

Mr. Schwartz: Collection of communion tokens.

Mr. Sghia: Crowns of Ragusa, Ratisbon, Reuss, Roman Republic and Roumania.

Mr. Smith: Very fine large cent of 1803, D193, and very good 1805, D200.

Mr. Sweyd: Trade dollars including one pattern coin and 1879 pattern dollar.

Mr. Von Sandro: Soviet chervonetz of 1923, double eagle of 1907 and British Order of the Bath.

Mr. Wagner: Thirty British campaign medals.

Mr. Werner: Silver dollars of 1798, 1799 and 1800.

- MARTIN F. KORTJOHN, Secretary

BROOKLYN COIN CLUB - The 190th meeting was held April 6 at the Hotel Granada with 47 present and President C. H. Ryan in the chair.

Mark M. Salton was thanked for donating a copy of "A Numismatic Dictionary" to our library. The Numismatic Gallery was also thanked for donating a book on cents and dimes.

Mark M. Salton, George P. Land, and Emil Voigt were elected to membership. Exhibits:

H. S. Bernstein: U.S. half dollars from 1837 to 1858 inclusive; 10 of the scarcer U.S. commemoratives.

Mr. Blake: 16 German porcelain coins in various colored clays.

Mr. Bowser: 83 coins of Denmark; Faroe Islands set.

Mr. Feldman: Coins of Dalmatia, Dominican Republic, Danish West Indies and Denmark.

Mr. Gallo: Papal gold ducats of Nicolaus V, Pius II and Leon X; double ducat of Alexander VI; U.S. 1812, D 218 large cent.

Mr. Franklin: Photo enlargements and examples of freaks, off-center Barber quarter, double struck cent, etc., also gold disc struck for Saudi Arabia by the Philadelphia mint in 1947.

Mr. Hicks: Gold medal struck by Switzerland commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Battle of Dornach, which gave them independence from Germany; Denmark: 4 marks silver of Christian IV dated 1669; Germany: new 100 mark note.

Mr. Hollander: Scale showing weight, diameter and thickness for double eagle, eagle, ½ eagle, ¼ eagle, 3 dollars and 1 dollar gold pieces made by John Allender 1855; collection of "Educational Toy Money" made of paper and printed in 1877 showing exact replicas of the 1872 Indian head cent; 1867, 2-cent piece; 1870, shield nickel; 1875 dime; 1876 quarter dollar; 1875 half dollar; 1876 trade dollar and 1878 Morgan dollar.

Mr. Horowitz: 7 tokens and medals of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Rev. Hutchins: 84 U.S. half dollars from 1836 reeded edge to 1891; 15th Anniversary Medal of the Bronx Coin Club.

Mr. Jenkins: 1871-CC half dollar and 1870-CC mint dollar.

M. L. Kaplan: 16 seated Liberty halves 1839-1875; 16 large cents 1794 to 1819; uncirculated 1892-O quarter double milled edge; 1880 proof set of 7 pieces.

Mr. Kortjohn: 40 half dollars 1836 to 1892; 5 pattern half dollars.

Mr. Kraus: Great Britain: 1949 set; French Indo-China: 1 Piastre 1947 in copper nickel.

Mr. Lang: U.S. sitting Liberty half dollars: 1856-O, 1864-S and 1877-S; quarter dollar 1932-S.

Mr. Mertik: Curacao: all dated 1948: 1/10 guilder (new type), 5 cents in nickel square type and 2½ cents bronze, all in proof; Denmark: a complete set of every type minted in the 20th century.

Mr. Nicoletti: Wooden money of Holland, Michigan; De Soto celebration of St. Petersburg Golden Jubilee.

Mr. Portolano: U.S. half dollars 1837-1850 and 1878.

Mr. Schiffman: 5 francs Louis XVIII, 1814; Danzig: 5 gulden 1923 in proof.

Mr. Silverman: Wooden money collection containing pieces of cotton, leather, rubber, paper, plastic and cardboard.

Mr. Standish: U.S. halves from 1827-1884 containing 6 proofs.

Mr. Susskind: Coins of Denmark 1771 to 1856; Napoleon medal; U.S. silver medals of Washington, Jackson, Farragut, McPherson and Franklin; 5 cent plastic token of the sesqui-centennial of Guernsey County, Ohio.

Mr. Vanden Brul: 7 coins of Edward VIII; Roman denarius of Philip I, 244-249.

Mr. Voigt: Coins of Danzig, Danish West Indies and Denmark; U.S. half dollars 1839 through 1891; 1921 standing liberty quarter dollar.

Mr. Werner: 6 California Gold Bank notes; \$1 silver certificate, John Snyder, error note with a double number.

Mr. Wise: Half dollars 1837 to 1891.

Mr. Wishy: Masonic medals and tokens.

Prof. Zygmant: Coins pertaining to TRANSOXIANA of the ancient Graeco-Bactrians and their Sogdian imitations, of the Sakas, Kushans, Hepthalites, Arab governors, Samanids, Shahs of Khwarazm, Timurids and of the Khans of Khiwa and Bukhara after their annexation to Russia. Also a hand-prepared map of Transoxiana.

- IRVING MERTIK, Secretary

BUFFALO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

- Our 453rd meeting was held on April 11 at the Central Y.M.C.A. President Charles Prickett conducted the meeting, at which fourteen members and two guests were present.

A report on plans for celebrating our 22nd anniversary with a Hobby Show and Banquet to be held May 7 at Hotel Touraine was made by J. M. Taylor. Added remarks by Charles Prickett and Harold Hoople.

Exhibits:

George A. Cage: 1663 English Crown - Charles II, 1841 Bolivia - 8 Excudos, 1849 France - 5 Francs.

Harold W. Hoople: Silver Bu of Japan and large Chinese piece.

The meeting was adjourned so that we could all listen to a program on "Coins of Sweden," prepared by H. W. Hoople. The well-planned talk first gave a synopsis of Swedish history, then told about the first coinages. This was followed by slides and explanations of coins from 1543, a crown from the time of Gustavus Vasa, to modern days; also slides of commemorative coins, ending with the two kroner piece of 1938, which commemorated the third centennial of Swedish settlements in Delaware. It was very interesting and was well received by the members, who extended a vote of thanks for this hour-long program.

- HAROLD W. HOOPLE, Secretary

CHICAGO COIN CLUB - The 364th meeting was held Tuesday, May 3, at 84 E. Randolph St., President G. R. Ostrander presiding. There were 79 members and guests present.

Wm. R. Case and E. J. Strieter were elected to membership.

The applications of Roland H. Peterson and James T. Harris were read and referred to the membership committee.

Our guest speaker was H. Fred Wilson, an officer of the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank. He gave a 45-minute talk which was interesting and informative. He first spoke of the basic need for money and the early media of exchange. He then traced the history of U.S. money and forms of banking, telling several interesting stories about the early banks. Most of his talk, however, had reference to the function of the Federal Reserve Banks in the banking system of this country. He told how money is obtained by the Federal Reserve Bank and distributed to other banks, how counterfeits are discovered and the method of sorting out worn currency for cancellation and replacement. The Federal Reserve Banks are self-supporting.

Interest in Mr. Wilson's talk was evidenced by the close attention given by his audience and by many questions asked from the floor. He was given a good round of applause and the thanks of the club for an interesting talk.

Col. Curtis presented the exhibits which were by:

Mr. Bebee: 1893 Isabella quarter brilliant proof; 1852 \$10 U.S. assay, brilliant uncirculated; 1853 \$20 U.S. assay, brilliant uncirculated; 1852 \$50 U.S. assay, extremely fine; 1925 Stone Mountain, counterstamped "196 Tenn."; Haiti, 50 C. brilliant uncirculated.

Mr. Jonas: Czechoslovakia 10 Krona 1928, 20 Krona 1937; Slovakia Republic 20 Krona 1939, 50 Krona 1944, obverse on both, Dr. Tiso, reverse coat of arms; 20 Krona 1941, obverse coat of arms, reverse St. Methodius & Cyril; Portugal 1 Escudo (1914) commemorative birth of the Republic; Irish Dollar 1910 by T. L. Elder in silver, Brian Boru facing, reverse arms.

Mr. Ostrander: Silver Certificate with-

out serial number or signature of Treasurer in lower left hand corner; Co-op Buck funny money.

Col. Curtis: Brazil 4000 reis silver commemorative coin, double-dollar size; Iceland commemorative 10 kronor silver piece, double-dollar size.

Mr. Lindall: Complete set Oregon Trail commemoratives.

- EARL C. BROWN, Secretary

ELKHART COIN CLUB - The 37th meeting was held April 11 at the home of past president M. D. Meiser, 819 N. Main St., Elkhart, Ind.

Exhibits:

William G. Davidson: U.S. currency.

M. D. Meiser: Uncirculated commemorative half dollars.

William G. Davidson gave an interesting talk on U.S. currency supplementing with crisp specimens, which made his talk informative.

A nominating committee, composed of William Brimelow, M. D. Meiser and Al Goeller, all past presidents, was appointed to draw up a slate for election. Robert Ziems, president, appointed M. D. Meiser and William Davidson to the National Coin Week committee.

William (Bill, the Coin Man) Brimelow will review the coin displays and repeat his radio trip along Main Street with a WTRC announcer, just like last year's National Coin Week which brought in numerous requests to repeat this year.

- WILLIAM BRIMELOW, Secretary

GRAND RAPIDS COIN CLUB - The 17th meeting was held April 25 in the Grand Rapids Public Museum. 36 members and seven visitors were present. President George Wolfe presided. Six members joined our club, three junior members and three seniors, which gives us 53 members in our club.

All members participated for the National Coin Week in Grand Rapids. The Michigan National Bank had a downtown window display. Union Bank, People National Bank had inside and outside window displays. The Grand Rapids Public Museum also gave space to our club. Charles Cooley had his French Revolution collection on display.

President George Wolfe, Dr. R. Miller, vice president, Garland Hughes, Charles Cooley, and Dr. Frank A. Adams all played an important part to make this a very successful National Coin Week for the Grand Rapids Coin Club.

- A. J. URBAN, Secretary

KANAWHA VALLEY COIN CLUB - The 29th meeting was held April 18 at the Y.M.C.A., Charleston, W. Va. Fred S. White, Jr., president, presided. Twenty-seven members and fifteen guests were present.

One new member was elected into the club. Four applications for membership were received.

M. W. Maret, speaker for the evening, gave several very interesting facts about archeologists using the early Greek coins, which they uncovered with other rare pieces of ancient art, to date their findings according to the information which they were able to decipher from the coins. Mr. Maret's main topic was his theory as applied to uncirculated Mercury dimes, as to whether certain dates were under or over priced, according to data, based on the number of times a coin was advertised during the past several years. Several curves and

charts were used to illustrate the information which he had tabulated and while explaining his theory on dimes these curves and charts were used for reference. To the group present this proved to be both beneficial and educational.

Exhibits were the following: M. W. Maret, miscellaneous Mercury dimes. E. L. Cobbs, miscellaneous quarters. George X. Teems, type gold set consisting of twenty-nine different types from 1803 to 1925 including the St. Gaudens Type dated MCMVII (1907) Double Eagle. H. Kenneth White, uncirculated Canadian silver dollars. Fred S. White, Jr., set of Barber quarters, good to uncirculated, with the exception of the 1901s.

—EARLE P. SMITH, JR., Secretary

LEHIGH VALLEY COIN CLUB—The 110th meeting of the club was held in the Wyckoff's Recreation Rooms, Stroudsburg, Pa., April 21 with 49 members and guests present. The meeting was called to order by the president, A. Detweiler.

Seven new members were elected into the club and also one new application was received.

Mr. Freze, vice president of the Panther Creek Valley Coin Club, was a guest of the club and spoke to the men.

—K. LOBB, Secretary

MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—The 175th meeting was held on Friday evening, April 15, at the Milwaukee Red Arrow Club. President Lillard W. Culver presided. Twenty-seven members and six guests were present.

Displays:
Mr. Rosholm: Japan debased gold Oban, Japanese Yen pieces minted for Korea. Sixty different military lapel medals, complete with ribbons.

Miss Selvia Holt: "Coins of the World," matched with flags and coat of arms of their respective countries; all mounted in a frame for display during National Coin Week.

Mr. Polzer: Gold souvenir "1 D." 1939, from the Golden Gate Exposition, San Francisco.

—LEONARD V. HINKLEY, Secretary

NEW YORK NUMISMATIC CLUB—We met Friday evening, April 8, with Damon G. Douglas, president, presiding. There were nineteen members and one guest present.

George Blake, the granddaddy of paper money collectors, read a most interesting and informative paper about U.S. Demand Notes and Legal Tender Notes. He made special comments concerning the designs on the \$1 note, Series 1917.

Thomas Morris presented a splendid paper on the subject, "History of U.S. National Bank Notes." Much of this information had never before been made public. The members are deeply appreciative to Mr. Morris for sharing with us his knowledge and information on this series of notes.

Exhibits were made by the following: Damon G. Douglas: Four tetradrachms of Sicily.

Thomas F. Morris: Compound Interest Treasury Note: Bank Notes of 1st, 2nd and 3rd Charter Period.

O. T. Schia: Double thalers of Austria; Ferdinand 1575; Leopold & De Medici 1630; Charles VI 1711-1740.

M. F. Kortjohn: Six quarter eagles including aluminum pattern of 1869 and sesquicentennial.

Raymond Gallo: Twenty-eight crowns of Austria 1486 to 1856; four gold ducats of Nicolaus V, Pius II, Alexander VI, Leon X.

W. C. Blaisdell: Seventeen large cents 1794 to 1857 in choice conditions.

Joseph H. Spray: Types and mint marks of quarter eagles from 1840 to 1929.

H. J. Erlanger: New acquisitions: half-guldentalers of Nuremberg of 1564, 1566, 1574, 1613 and 1615.

E. K. Hessberg: Half-dime 1871-S; 1890-CC silver dollar; 1892-CC silver dollar, all uncirculated.

O. G. Schilke: Uncut sheet of 1929 series; \$10 National Bank notes on the First National Bank of New Milford, Conn. Numbered from 1 to 6; Sghia medal in bronze; 1868 Grant and Colfax medal; 1904 quarter-eagle in proof.

W. H. Arthur: Transportation token in aluminum with inscription 3c on one side encircled, on other side the inscription reads China General Omnibus Co. Ltd.

Mrs. D. G. Douglas: Grant items of 1868 and 1872.

Henry Grunthal: Indian Peace medals 1829, Andrew Jackson, 1841 John Tyler; silver medal 1895 commemorating the opening of a channel between the Baltic and the North Sea with picture of bridge at Grunthal.

George H. Blake: About thirty Legal Tender Notes of large size, from \$1 to \$100.

L. Kusterer: Austria, Sigismund, half gulden groschen 3 1484, 1486; James Monroe medal; James Buchanan, three medals; U. S. Grant, ten medals.

T. Kemm: U.S. Legal Tender Notes, \$1 Series 1862, 1869, 1878, 1880, 1917, 1923, 1928; U.S. quarter eagles 1897, 1901, 1911, 1913.

V. L. Brown: Wooden nickels, Lehigh Valley Coin Club 5c, 10c, 25c 1948.

Ray Carpenter: Medals, C.B.E.: M.C. with bar; Crimea, 4 bars 8th Hussars Light Brigade and 2 bars Azoff and Sebastopol; British World War II medals—Defense Medal, War Medal, 1939-1945 Star, Africa Star with 1st Army bar, Italy Star, and Atlantic Star.

Mr. Wormser gave an interesting account of his recent trip to England, Switzerland and France, and spoke about his visits to some of the European coin dealers.

—VERNON L. BROWN, Secretary

OREGON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY—Regular meeting on Monday, April 11, at the Benson Hotel with 35 members and guests present. President Jack Casey had members introduce themselves, as well as their guests, who were: Don Millet, Helen Grein, and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Davis of Jennings Lodge.

One new member was elected that evening: Wade Patterson, and there were two other applications for membership filed.

Jim Young, chairman for National Coin Week, announced that there were seven places in downtown Portland which he had secured for coin displays, and requested the cooperation of members in contributing appropriate displays.

Lloyd Ruff, chairman for the 6th Annual Pacific Northwest convention at Centralia, reminded members of its date—the 14th and 15th of May—and urged all present to plan to attend.

Arthur Hedmark displayed and discussed an interesting collection of "freak" bills, with misprints, a split bill, and several other oddities. He also displayed bills with consecutive numbers, but which he had purchased over a four-year interval. Included among his bill collection was a Multnomah County depression script note.

Other displays included: George McLarty, standing Liberty quarters; F. C. Powell, Barber quarter set, complete; Louis Salerno, German medals; Felix Baranovich, oyster money from Raymond, Wash., sheepskin money from Heppner, Ore., and beautiful myrtlewood tokens from North Bend, Ore. Ruth Thompson displayed a set of wooden money from Forest Grove, Ore., celebrating the centennial year of Pacific University.

A new feature, "The Question Box," was conducted by Ted Sanguras; some of the questions brought quite a lot of controversy, such as an argument as to whether a "unique" coin could also be termed "rare."

- RUTH THOMPSON, Secretary

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY - The 397th meeting was held Wednesday, March 30, at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, with 42 members and 16 visitors in attendance.

Numismatic literature was the theme of the evening's exhibit, with many fine numismatic books and various publications on exhibition. Coins were also on exhibit.

The following members presented short comments on their exhibits:

Clifford H. Bloom: Collection of Papal currency, 1786-1797, and a book on Banks under F. D. Roosevelt.

Earl A. Parker: Early type U.S. gold \$5.00 and \$10.00; shield type nickels, Vatican coins and Philippine commemorative set.

Wilbur L. Wildes: Crowns of the World.

Allan R. Connors: Newspapers of 1918, with numismatic news.

Milton C. Strauch: Silver coins of Luxemburg and gold and silver coins of San Marino.

Roy Hill: Numismatic books of a hundred years ago, including the Eckfeldt-DuBois books, 1842 and 1851, and an original Frey's Numismatic Dictionary.

The members were asked to make any comments if numismatic news, and from Frank Galvin we had an interesting review on the 1922 one cent pieces of the much discussed broken D.

After a short recess, the business meeting was called to order, and a letter of resignation as president of the Society was read to the members from Richard A. Webb. The resignation was accepted, and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws the vice president, Roy Hill, assumed the office of president.

Clifford H. Bloom was called on to outline exhibits and exhibit places obtained for National Coin Week, and the members were urged to do their bit in their neighborhood areas and outlying home towns.

In respect to the memory of our late president and Honorary Member, William F. Kraft, the members rose in a minute of silent tribute.

- MILTON C. STRAUCH, Secretary

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY - The 398th meeting of the Society called to order at 8:15 p.m. by President Hill, with 56 members and 29 visitors present.

Visitors were welcomed, among them Rudy Gjuivoich, president of Todo Dinero Numismatic Association recently host for California State Numismatic Association. The president introduced George B. Gillin, superintendent of "S" mint, who brought greetings from the mint and then introduced George C. Ruge, general foreman press and coin room of the "S" mint.

Mr. Ruge gave an interesting and instinctive talk on making of U.S. coins. He illustrated his talk with items in many steps of the operations. He commented on the fact there seems to be a tendency to get away from proper terms for various phrases and names for various stages of items in process of coining. He also described the dual die operations which was a wartime innovation at the "S" mint and which saved the government much time in the production of coins.

The following members presented short comments on their exhibits:

Milton C. Strauch: Confederate Restrike 50c 1861 and Saxony 1 Thaler 1693 (in honor of the shooting festival), and other coins from his prize winning exhibit at the California State Numismatic Association in San Jose.

Mr. Snedacker: 1941 penny-1 of 41 at a slant, rather than vertical, 1944 nickel (flagpole).

Clifford Bloom: 2 water bills 1859, one a U.S. mint bill of a \$100, one U.S. dollar 1854 gold also a 1856 \$3 gold piece.

Harald Helgelsen: Ten yen Japan 1917.

Jack Hecht: Complete sets of U.S. buffalo nickels, mercury dimes, liberty standing quarters and halves in uncirculated condition.

Mrs. H. Cutler: \$20 gold 1913-S St. Gaudens; Austria 1780, Maria Theresa Thaler, proof condition.

Mrs. Hatch: 1943 pennies.

A. G. Jakobsen: String of 58 coins ten cent size, mostly Hawaii "dime" of 1883.

Roy Hill: Photographs of the construction of the "S" mint 5th and Mission St., 1870-4. Scenes illustrating operations of "S" mint in 1856, and letters requesting employment in 1869-1874.

Bruno Crossfield: Chinese Tael, 1926 Yuan Shi Kai, 1860 Clark Gruber \$10 gold, 1860 Pikes Peak \$10, 1850 Baldwin \$5, 1849 Miners Bank \$10.

A motion was called to give Roy Hill a vote of confidence as president of the Society. The vote of confidence was by ballot and the president was sustained.

Mr. Eubanks was elected a member.

- MILTON C. STRAUCH, Secretary

PHILADELPHIA COIN CLUB - The 166th meeting held April 19 with 36 present and President Hicks presiding.

Coates Walton and Harold E. Sullivan were elected members.

Colonel Joseph Moss introduced the speaker of the evening, Vernon L. Brown, curator of the collection of the Chase National Bank, New York City.

Mr. Brown described some of the outstanding pieces that comprise this remarkable collection which now totals over 70,000 items, and supplemented his

talk with many rare and unusual specimens.

Other exhibits:

Wm. C. Boston: Complete set of Morgan dollars.

Francis Contino: Two books on medals published 140 years ago.

H. A. Pettit: Indian head cents.

Howard F. Street: U. S. small cents complete. Canadian cents.

A. Sipe: Collection of cents in novelty forms.

— ARTHUR SIPE, Secretary

PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC COMPANY COIN CLUB—Regular monthly meeting on April 5, and our President N. H. Van Roekens introduced two visitors from the Load Dispatching Division—R. C. Williams and M. L. Daniel. F. Meuller introduced his son Fred.

Our president read a letter of resignation from our Secretary R. Y. Faigle in which he stated that it was impossible for him to get to our meetings regularly. Our Correspondence Secretary G. T. Faigle offered to assume Ralph Faigle's work for the rest of the year.

Of special interest was a collection of Canada bank tokens on display by J. F. Baldwin.

The guest speaker of the evening was A. Leatherman who is a past president of the Philadelphia Coin Club. Mr. Leatherman's principal theme for his talk was based on "Elder's Auctions" during the period from 1931 to 1935 which he had attended and made notes. It was interesting to notice the value of the coins at that time compared with what they are today.

We welcome to our Club a new member, Jack Chester of the Drafting Division. — J. H. BECKMANN, Publicity

PORTLAND COIN CLUB—The monthly meeting was held in the Graymore Hotel, Portland, Me., April 23 with 25 members and guests present.

It was moved to have a Scotch auction next meeting to raise funds for the club, and that the regular coin auction be postponed.

Mr. Bragg, chairman of the Coin display for National Coin Week reported that a display space would be provided in the lobby of the Canal National Bank in Portland.

Mr. Blackwell read a short paper on U. S. Nickels and Mr. Grube Cornish gave a very interesting talk on what he would do if he was to start collecting as a beginner.

— LEON T. BLACKWELL, Secretary

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION—The 824th meeting was called to order by President S. Clark Place, April 5, at 8 p.m. at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences. There were present 29 members and 3 visitors.

Arnim B. Judd, Program Chairman, introduced the speaker for the evening, Past President Floyd B. Newell.

The speaker chose as his topic the "Study of Numismatics." Mr. Newell, whose interest in numismatics is primarily in the design, history and reproduction of coins in the form of slides, gave a very interesting talk. He showed some of his rather considerable library, all of which he uses as a source of information and means of identification of the various coins coming into his hands. The speaker stated that he had developed a slide library in the amount of about 5,500 slides. Many of these slides have been shown at organizations

other than the R. N. A. and have evoked much interest.

The phase of numismatics followed by Mr. Newell as indicated by the speaker requires much more effort than the simple acquisition of a coin. At the conclusion of his talk the speaker was roundly applauded.

Exhibits:

B. Bloom: So-called Nevada dollar.

A. B. Judd: Five coins of Germany. Louisiana paper money.

J. J. McGowan: Wooden nickels.

J. J. Pittman: U. S. quarter and half dollars in choice condition. Eagles of 1882, 1893, 1905, and 1910-S. Coins of the Belgian Congo, Great Britain, and Brazil.

— NORMAN F. PRINCE, Secretary

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION—The 825th meeting was called to order by Vice President J. J. Pittman at 8:15 p.m., Tuesday, April 19, at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences. There were present 26 members and 3 visitors.

One outstanding event that made the evening enjoyable was the return to the fold of our fellow member, Charles W. Foster, the "Suitcase Dealer," who has been spending the winter in New Mexico.

As his contribution to the evening Mr. Foster gave a very detailed talk on events in that part of the country during his stay there. He also spoke regarding visits made by him to various coin clubs and also some of his experiences in the buying and selling of coins in that area. At the conclusion he was extended a sincere vote of thanks by all present. We hope at some later date to again have Charlie on the program and hear more of his experiences.

Exhibits:

George Bauer: British Museum Replicas of Greek Coins.

Barney Bloom: A Belgian Medal showing a bridge.

Earl W. Salem: French, German, English and Sicilian coins.

Charles W. Foster: Mexican, 5 Pesos, 1948.

J. J. Pittman: English Sovereign, set of 9 coins of Kutch; Danish West Indies 20 Francs.

— NORMAN F. PRINCE, Secretary

SEATTLE COIN CLUB—Regular meeting held April 28, in the Roosevelt Hotel, with 18 members and 2 guests present. Conduct of the meeting was by Howard Glickert, President.

The revised Constitution and By-Laws were read, briefly discussed and unanimously approved by the members present. With this out of the way, we can resume the more enjoyable functions of our Club. Paul Fouts and Edward Fleider were unanimously elected (railroaded) to serve in the newly created offices of Directors and members of the Executive Committee.

Chris Peterson suggested that the Club have a more definite programming of its meetings, and was promptly appointed (more railroaded) Program Chairman. We look forward to some highly interesting and instructive meetings under this new scheme.

Guests of the evening were Mr. Harold Daggett, of Bellingham, Washington, who was introduced by Paul Fouts, and Mr. Ahlers by Don Zearing.

A well-prepared paper was read by Eleanor Christenson, my wife, who, in self-defense, joined the Club and is find-

ing the hobby fascinating. Her specialty is coins and tokens showing buildings, being an architect, like myself, only better.

Mrs. Christenson attempted, without success, to obtain information on the Military Church at Potsdam, as depicted on the 5 Mark Coin of Germany, 1934. Failing in this, she spoke on the Tetradrachma of Athens. A fine broad plan example of this beautiful coin was passed among the members during the talk.

Edward Flieder displayed his U. S. silver dollars, Howard Glickert his overdated U. S. half-dollars, Waldo Christenson a Drachma of Aegina and a Gold Gulden of Brandenburg-Franconia.

— WALDO B. CHRISTENSON, Secretary

SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB—The 368th meeting was held at Museum of Fine Arts March 8, with President Cignoni presiding. There were 11 members and 1 guest present.

The regular business included the first reading of our new constitution by Mr. Storin.

On exhibition was a collection of Presidential medals by Mr. Cignoni, a variety of gold coins by Mr. Carr and several cards of coins by Mr. Carter.

— CARL W. CARRIER, Secretary

WESTCHESTER COUNTY COIN CLUB

— Colonial coins, Two-Cent Bronze pieces and recent acquisitions were featured at the 178th regular meeting of the club held at the New Rochelle YMCA April 19.

President Johnson opened the meeting with an announcement of the completed plans for the Club's 15th Anniversary Dinner.

To foster interest in coin collecting and to help, with a form of occupational therapy, disabled veterans each month two club members will visit the Kingbridge Veteran's Hospital. Small exhibits will be shown and short talks on coin collecting will be given.

The subject of Junior memberships in the club was advanced and after discussion it was decided that, in cases such as these, fathers would be required to join the club thereby assuming full responsibility for their sons.

Exhibits:

Rev. Lewis: 1799/98 and 1903-O silver dollars, 1904 Lewis-Clark, 1905 Lewis-Clark, 1905 proof Lewis-Clark, 1915 Panama Pacific gold commemorative gold dollars and the 2½ dollar 1915 Panama Pacific.

Mr. Olmstead: 1787 Fugio cent and 1783 Nova Constellation cent.

Mr. Skipton: Colonial cents of 1786 and 1787, Fugio cent 1787, and 2c bronze pieces 1864-71.

Mr. Tancza: Lettered edge half dollars 1807-1834, 1799 silver dollar.

Mr. Mahony: Nova Constellation cent, Fugio cent, Hibernia Wood's coinage, Washington cent, double head, pewter continental dollar, and Colonial States' cent and half cents.

Mr. Weidhaas: 1652 Pine Tree shilling, Nova Constellation cent, Fugio cents, Wood's coinage, Early Colonial States' coinage and tokens.

Mr. Massey: Rosa Americana half-penny 1722, Sou Marque 1779, Isle du Vent 12-Sous piece of 1731, 12 British tokens of 1811 and 1812 series, 1795 half cent.

Mr. Lighte: \$5 U. S. Note series 1907 Napier & Thompson signatures, 3 \$1 Sil-

ver Certificates, Series 1935B, numbers 5,000,000—500,000 and 50,000,500; \$1 Silver Certificate Series 1928B No. 1,000,000; \$1 Silver Certificate Series 1935A No. 100.

Mr. Hart: 2c Bronze pieces 1864-68, 2 souvenir rolled out coins, 1883 Liberty nickel and 1909 Lincoln Cent, stamped on reverse with 1893 Columbian Exposition and Hudson-Fulton Celebration.

—STEPHEN HART, Secretary

WESTERN MARYLAND COIN CLUB

—The April meeting was held Wednesday, April 6, at the City Shrine Club at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Cessna.

A talk was made by Member Holmes H. Cessna on two-cent pieces. He explained the difference in the 1864 small and large motto. He gave a very interesting and instructive history of these two-cent pieces. Mr. Cessna and Mr. Morris each displayed a complete set of two-cent pieces. C. E. Morris also talked interestingly about this series of coins.

Member Fred Driscoll displayed a set of three-cent pieces in uncirculated and proof. He gave an interesting talk with plenty of statistics about this series. He also called attention to the attractive prices at which these coins are available.

Members Johnson and Fuller, committee to arrange ladies' night affair, reported. They will continue their efforts to locate a suitable date and place to hold this affair.

— MARTIN L. JOHNSON, Secretary

WESTERN MARYLAND COIN CLUB

—The 126th meeting was held in the City Shrine Club, S. Center St., Cumberland, Md., on Wednesday, May 4.

The meeting was called to order by President Cessna.

Invitations were extended to the Club for our summer meetings by the following members: H. H. Cessna, for the June meeting; Carl Peters, for the July meeting; M. L. Watson, for the August meeting; Norris Bruce, for the September meeting.

The meeting at Cessna's home on Bedford Road will be our regular date which will be Wednesday, June 1. Cessna volunteered to arrange the details for this meeting.

This meeting featured nickels. Member Hetzel gave a very interesting talk on Shield Nickels. He gave a history of this coinage, a lot of statistics and something about the price at which they are now available to collectors. Member Watson talked interestingly about Buffalo Nickels and gave us some very interesting sidelights about this issue. B. G. Charles talked on Jeffersonian Nickels. He gave a very instructive discourse on this subject and called attention to the variation in weights during several years that this coin has been minted. He also called our attention to the fact that its metal content has varied.

C. E. Morris displayed a collection of nickels and also talked on the subject. Other displays were made by Members Watson, Hetzel, Bruce, Charles and Cessna.

— MARTIN L. JOHNSON, Secretary

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMIS-

MATIC SOCIETY—The regular monthly meeting was held in the Herpetology Laboratory of the Carnegie Museum on Tuesday, April 5, with President Robert

S. Porter presiding. There were 13 members present with Mr. Watson attending as a visitor.

A very interesting talk on coins of England was given by Mr. Kennedy.

The Society mourns the death of George H. Clapp who was one of the founders of the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society.

The exhibits were as follows:

S. F. Laughlin: 10 U. S. Quarters Unc.
1 U. S. 1861 quarter proof. Africa, 3 bronze coins of Carthage, B.C. 300-200, 1 bronze of Egypt-Cleopatra, B.C. 200, 1 Potin Tetradrachm, Egypt under Rome (Emperor Hadrian), 1 large bronze Ptolemy B.C. 300-200 III, Maria Theresa Thaler unc. dated 1780 for Levant trade.
E. A. Coatsworth: U. S. quarters 1856 to 1891.

J. M. Kennedy: Tray of shillings of England.

J. S. Kachmar: Half dollar 1852 proof, 1872 S, 1885 proof.

J. V. Scaife, Jr.: 18 U. S. quarters, 1796 to 1838 in fine to unc. condition, 2 silver Onca pieces of Mozambique, which is Portuguese East Africa (1843).

R. S. Porter: Choice and scarce quarters from collection of Standing Liberty and Washington including 1916-1918 over 17S, 1919 D, 1919 S, 1920 D, 1921-1923 S, 1927 S, 1932 D, 1932 S, 1934 P, light motto.

W. W. Woodside: 46 coins of Gold Coast, Sierra Leone, British West Africa, and British East Africa.

C. S. Hall: Waterloo Medal, 20 bronze medals issued by French Mint depicting events of 1st World War, 12 war medal 1st World War.

—JOHN S. KACHMAR, Secretary

WESTERN RESERVE NUMISMATIC CLUB — The 337th meeting was held

April 13 at Hotel Carter with 23 present. The following exhibits were briefly described:

E. G. Bell: Large bronze Waterloo medal by Pistrucci.

Fred Hahlen: Presidential portraits on current coins, 1, 5, 10, 25 cent; Franklin, Grant, Booker T. Washington half dollars.

W. M. Jacka: 150 British tokens.

V. L. Oblisk: Thalers of Saxony, Brandenburg, Bayreuth, Prussia.

J. F. Sawicki: Geneva 5 franc 1849; Montenegro 5 perpera, 1912; silver medal of Cambodia.

A. P. Spencer: Pony Express medal; medal and engraved note of Paul Revere; signatures of Thomas Jefferson as president and James Madison as secretary of state on a U. S. land certificate.

—AMBROSE P. SPENCER, Secretary

WORCESTER COUNTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — The regular monthly meeting was held April 8 at the YMCA in Fitchburg, Mass., with an address of appreciation from President Tilton to the Fitchburg group for taking over this meeting. Nineteen members and 11 guests were present.

Lester Costello read a short paper on the Panama Pacific half dollar. A report was made of the work done among the veterans at the Rutland Hospital. Most members learned for the first time that Holy Cross College has some coins in its museum.

Two films were shown, one of which covered the activities of a U. S. Mint while the other was entitled "Doubtful Dollars," being a movie on counterfeiting.

Harry Rossland was elected to membership. —EARL BELLIS, Secretary

A.N.A. NUMISMATIC EXHIBITION IN SAN FRANCISCO

In connection with the coming 58th Annual Convention of the American Numismatic Association in San Francisco August 21 through 24, at the Palace Hotel, there will be a numismatic exhibition by members of the A.N.A.

It is hoped that A.N.A. members coming to San Francisco will bring along exhibits representative of all phases of coin collecting so that collectors — old as well as new — and non-collectors will be better informed as to the joys and pleasures as well as educational value that there is to our hobby.

There should be a comprehensive representation covering all the main fields of activity, so visitors might see media of exchange, Greek, Roman, Dark Ages, Middle Ages, Byzantine, Renaissance, and the beginnings of our modern coinages to the present day, with a good representation of the pioneer Gold Coinages in compliment to the California Gold Rush Centennial, for that event in American history marks the beginnings of California's chapter, a fabulous one indeed, and one of everlasting interest.

Exhibit cases are 25" x 40" and maximum for each exhibitor is 3. There is no charge to A.N.A. members, and first come, first served. The Committee may have to use its discretion if requests for cases exceed the cases and space available, so please be prepared to help us in this respect. Let's first see how many exhibit reservations will be made by June 29, so a report of space still available and types of exhibits not yet entered may be reported to you in the August *Numismatist*, for last minute arrangements, and a last call for exhibits.

Exhibit reservations should be directed to Roy Hill, 1140 Sutter Street, San Francisco 9, California.